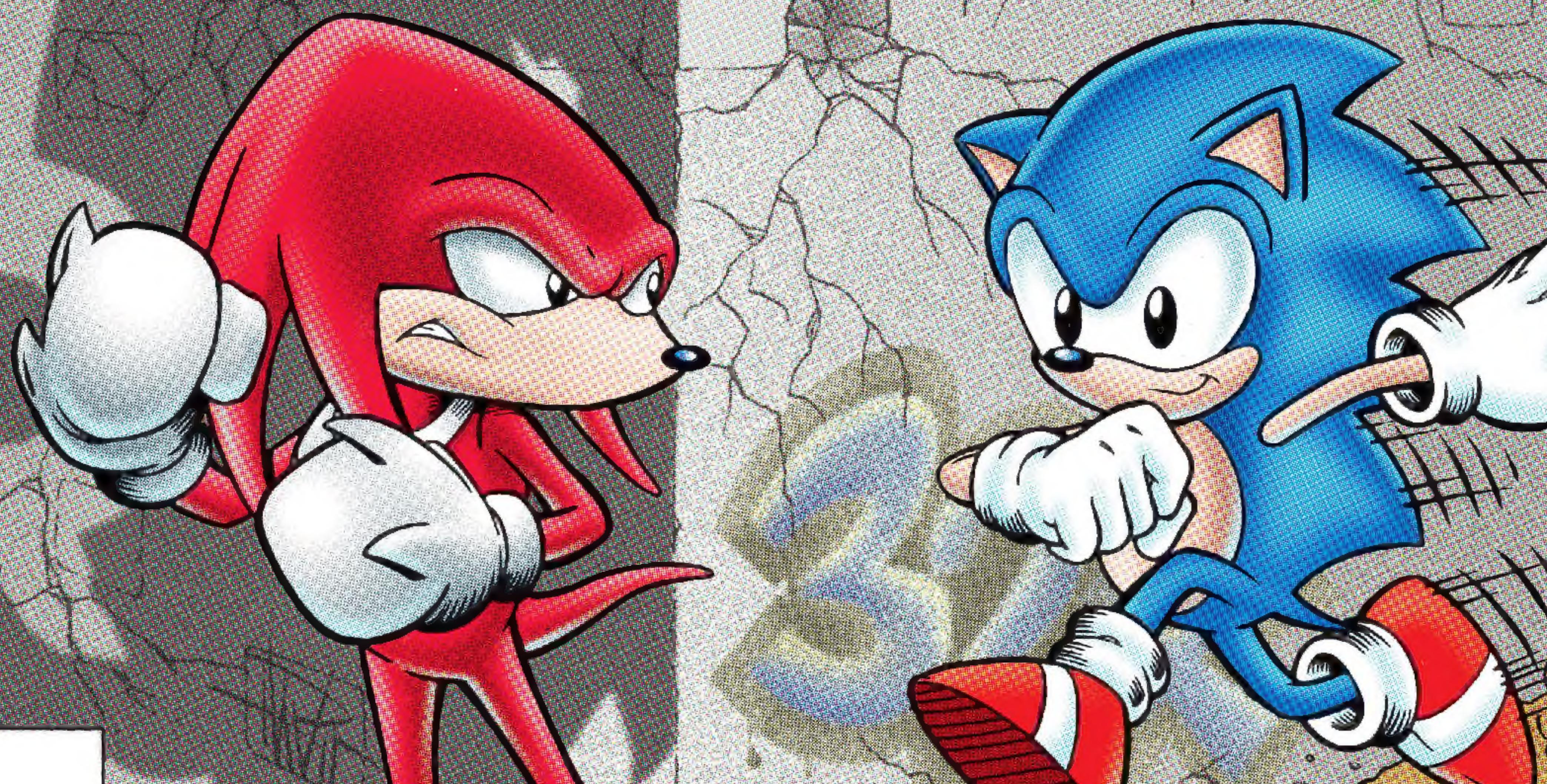


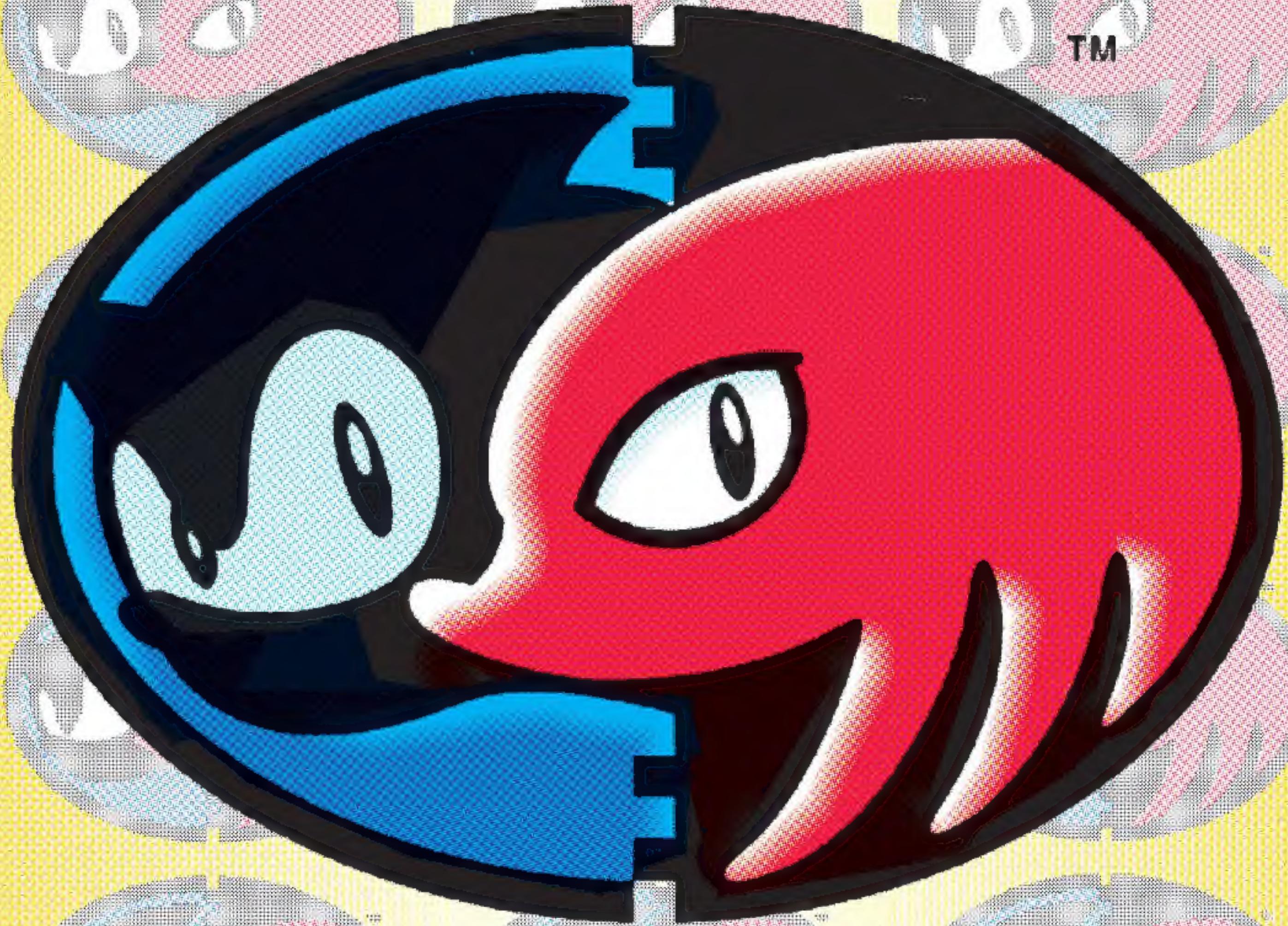
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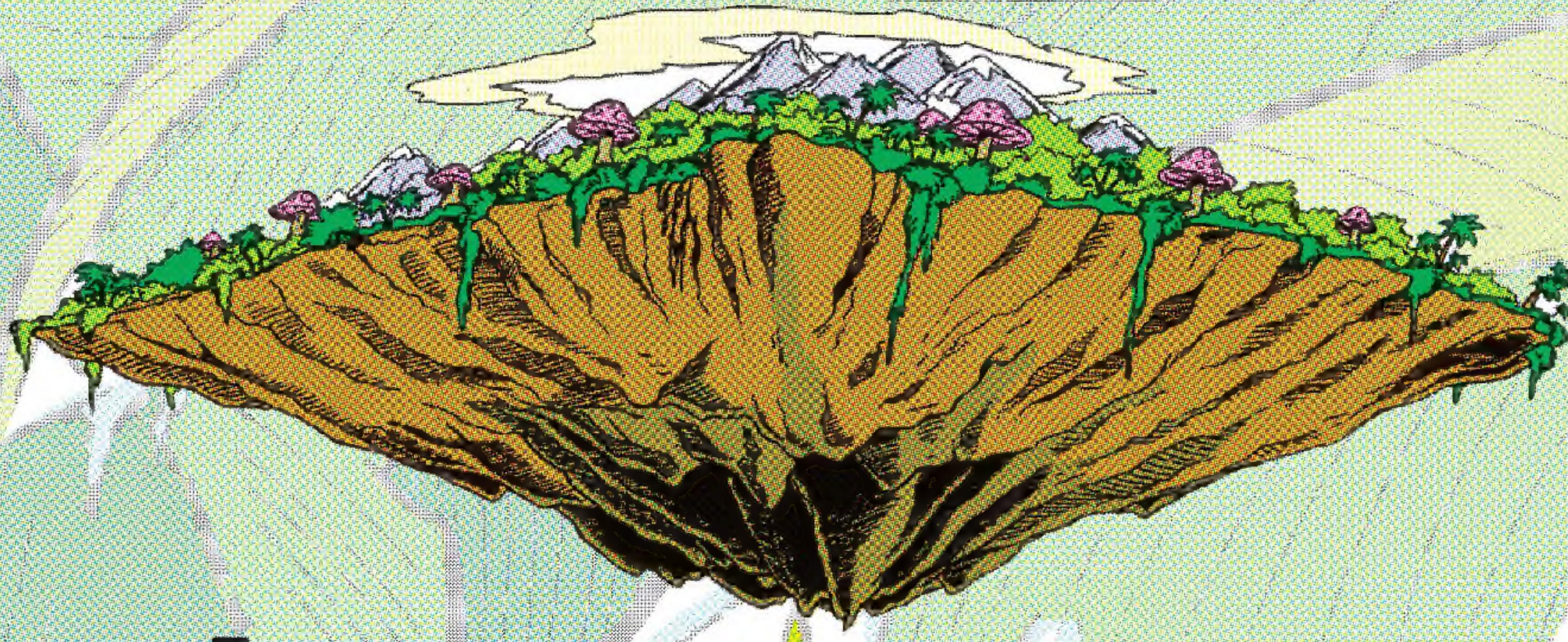
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A land once renowned for its great beauty, the planet **Mobius** is well on its way to becoming a scarred, lifeless battlefield, thanks to the relentless acts of scientific terrorism unleashed by the evil Techno-Tyrant, **Dr. Ivo Robotnik**.

In this once-serene plane, only one great natural wonder remains untouched by this utter devastation: the mysterious **Floating Island**. A mighty continent, the island is held aloft by the energy of a rare and powerful gem known as a **Chaos Emerald**.

A world unto itself with its origins lost to antiquity, this sprawling multi-zoned land mass drifts lazily above the face of Mobius, existing in harmony, yet forever apart.

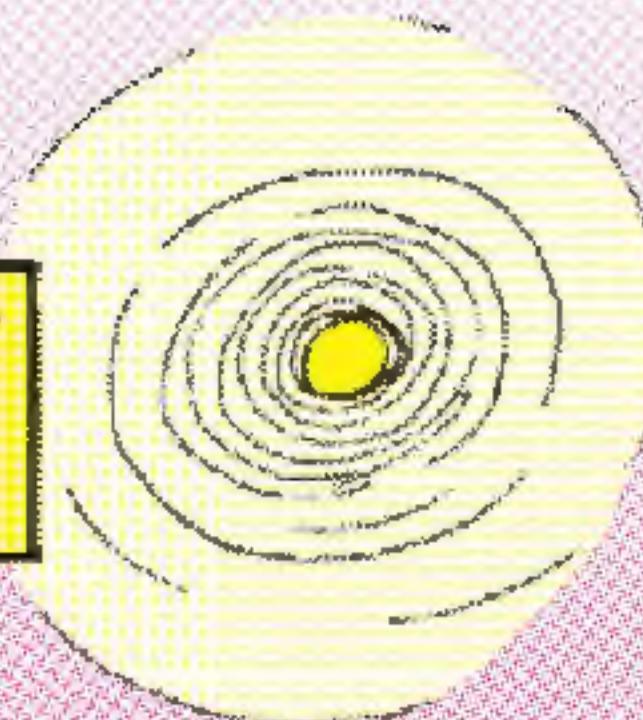
As enigmatic as the Floating Island is its guardian, **Knuckles The Echidna**. Last of an ancient, noble race, his charge is to preserve the peace, and protect the island's boundaries from the encroachment and harsh realities of the "outside world" -- a task handed down generation unto generation.

Recently host to a great battle between Dr. Robotnik and the spearhead of **Knothole Village's** resistance, **Sonic The Hedgehog**, the Floating Island again stands alone as a safe haven from the war that rages unchecked, below.

But for how long?

PROLOGUE:

THE WESTERN COAST OF
THE GREAT CONTINENT.

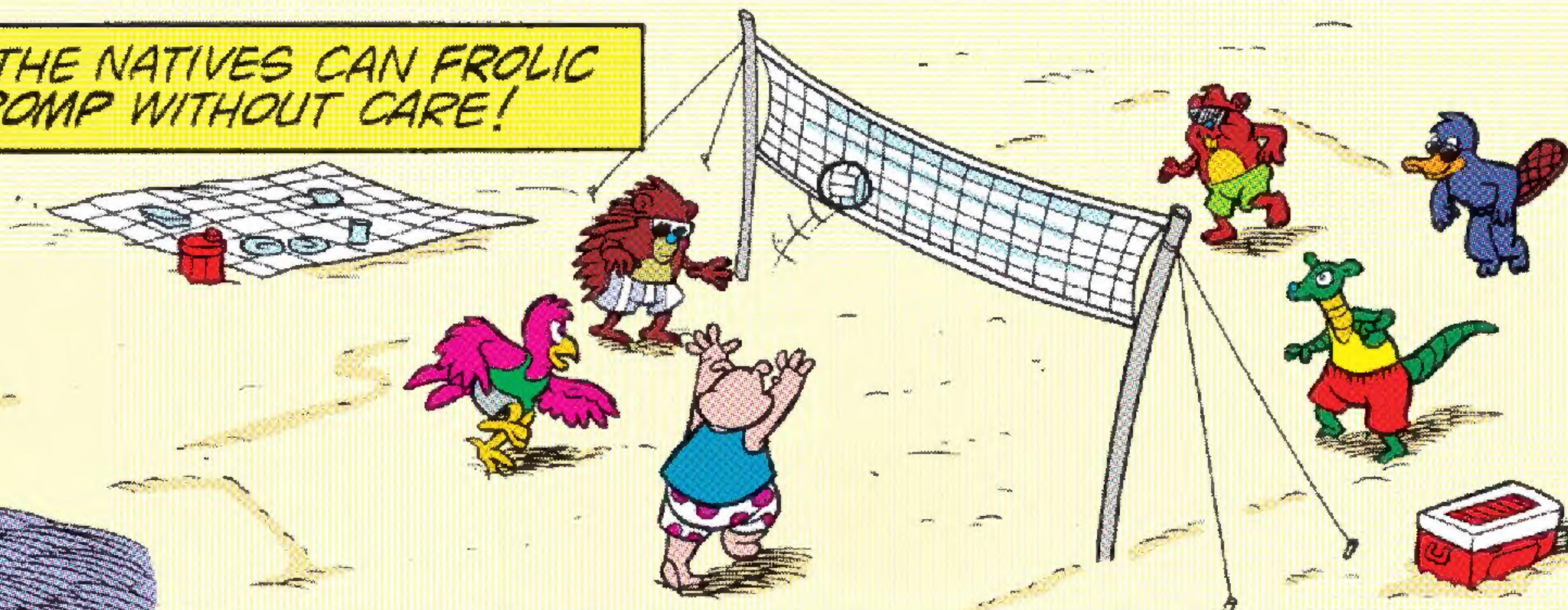


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THOUGH PRONE TO EARTH-
QUAKES, MUDSLIDES, FIRES
AND FLOODS...

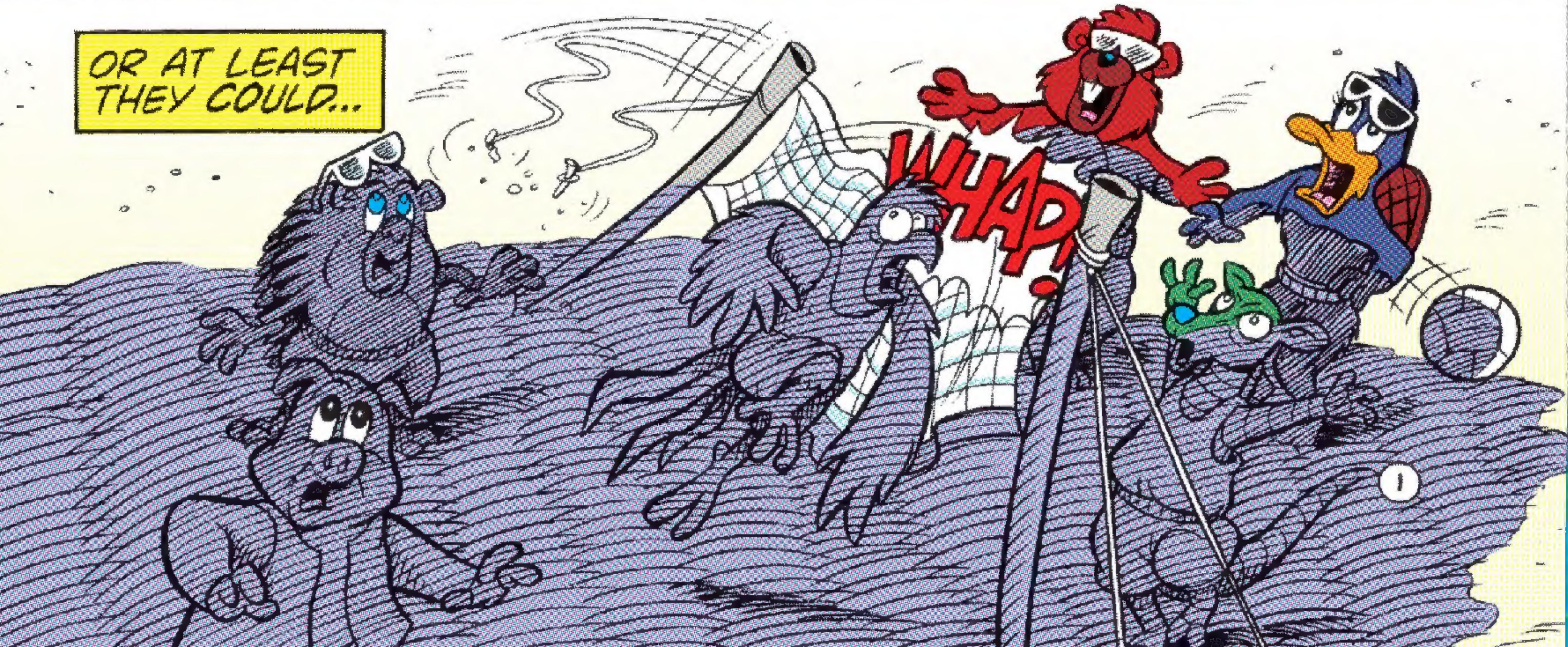
... IT REMAINS ONE OF THE FEW
REGIONS ON MOBIUS TO REMAIN
UNSCARRED BY CONFLICT!

HERE, THE NATIVES CAN FROLIC
AND ROMP WITHOUT CARE!



OR AT LEAST
THEY COULD...

WHAP



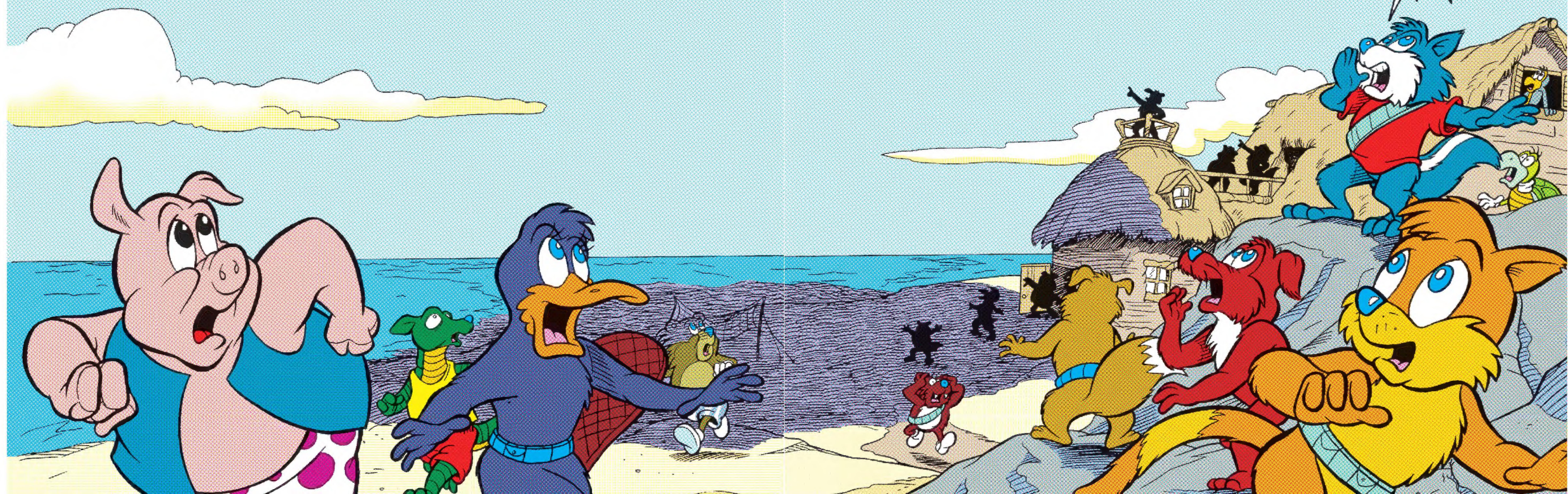
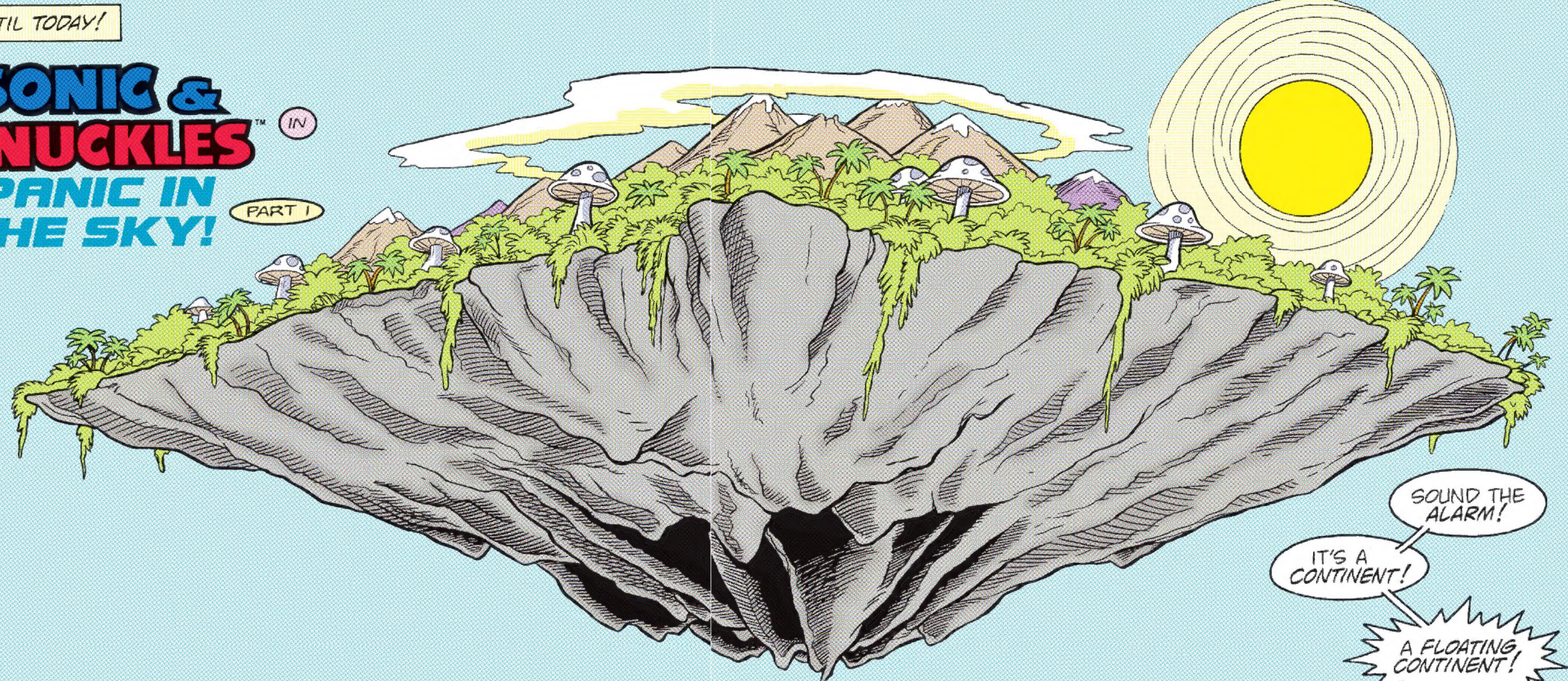
...UNTIL TODAY!

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PANIC IN THE SKY!

IN

PART 1



...THE LAND MASS WAS SIGHTED SEVERAL HOURS AGO, AS IT CROSSED OVER INTO OUR AIR SPACE!

WITNESSES CLAIMED THE SKY WAS FALLING -- THOUGH FROM WHAT I CAN TELL...

...EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE!

1:52 PM

AMAZING!
ANY IDEA WHAT'S KEEPING IT ALOFT, ROTOR?

I COULDN'T TELL YOU, PRINCESS!

BUT I DO KNOW THIS...

ACCORDING TO MY READINGS...

...IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

KNOTHOLE VILLAGE

BEACH

ISLAND

TAP TAP

HI, GANG! DID WE MISS ANYTHING?



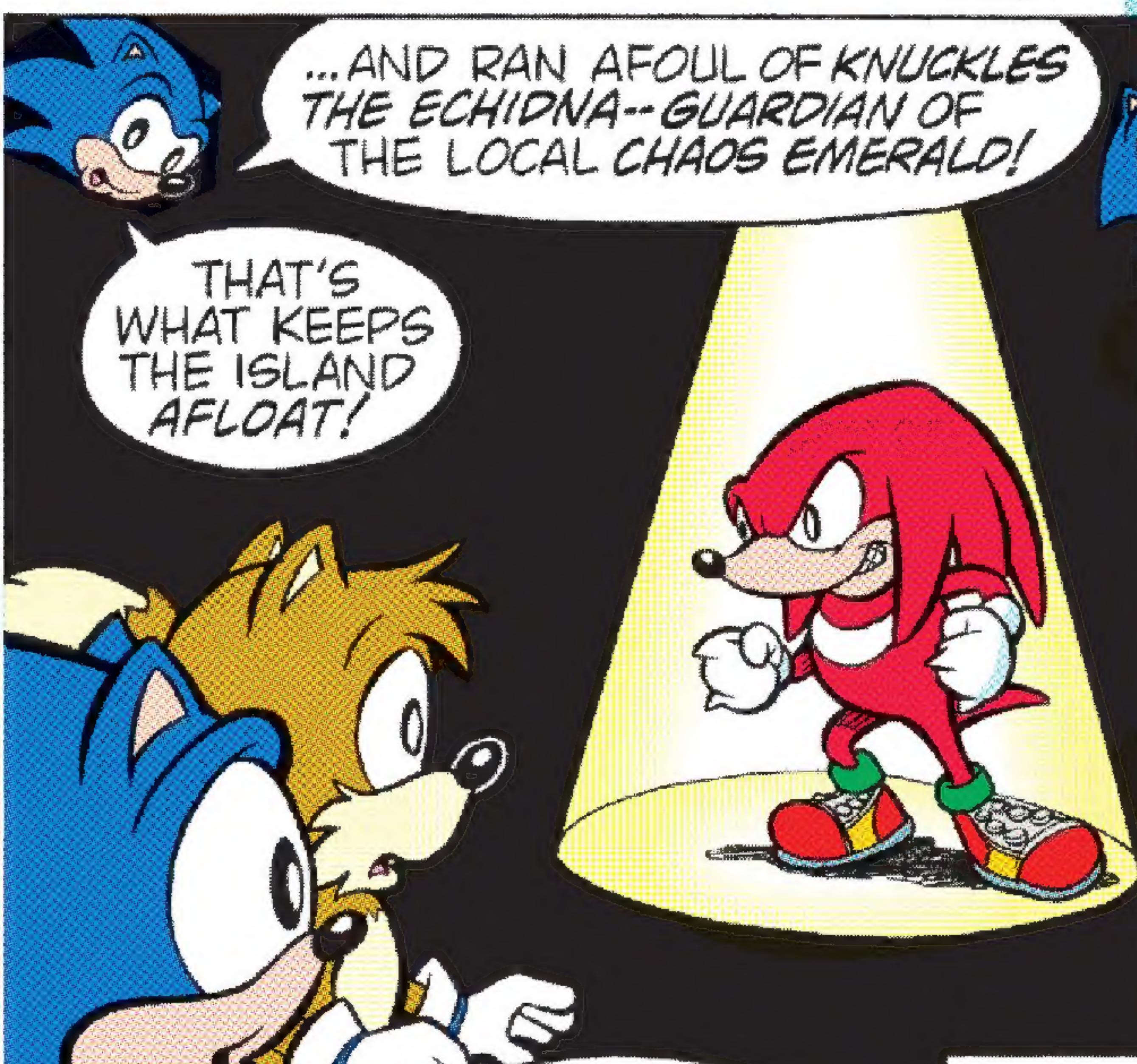
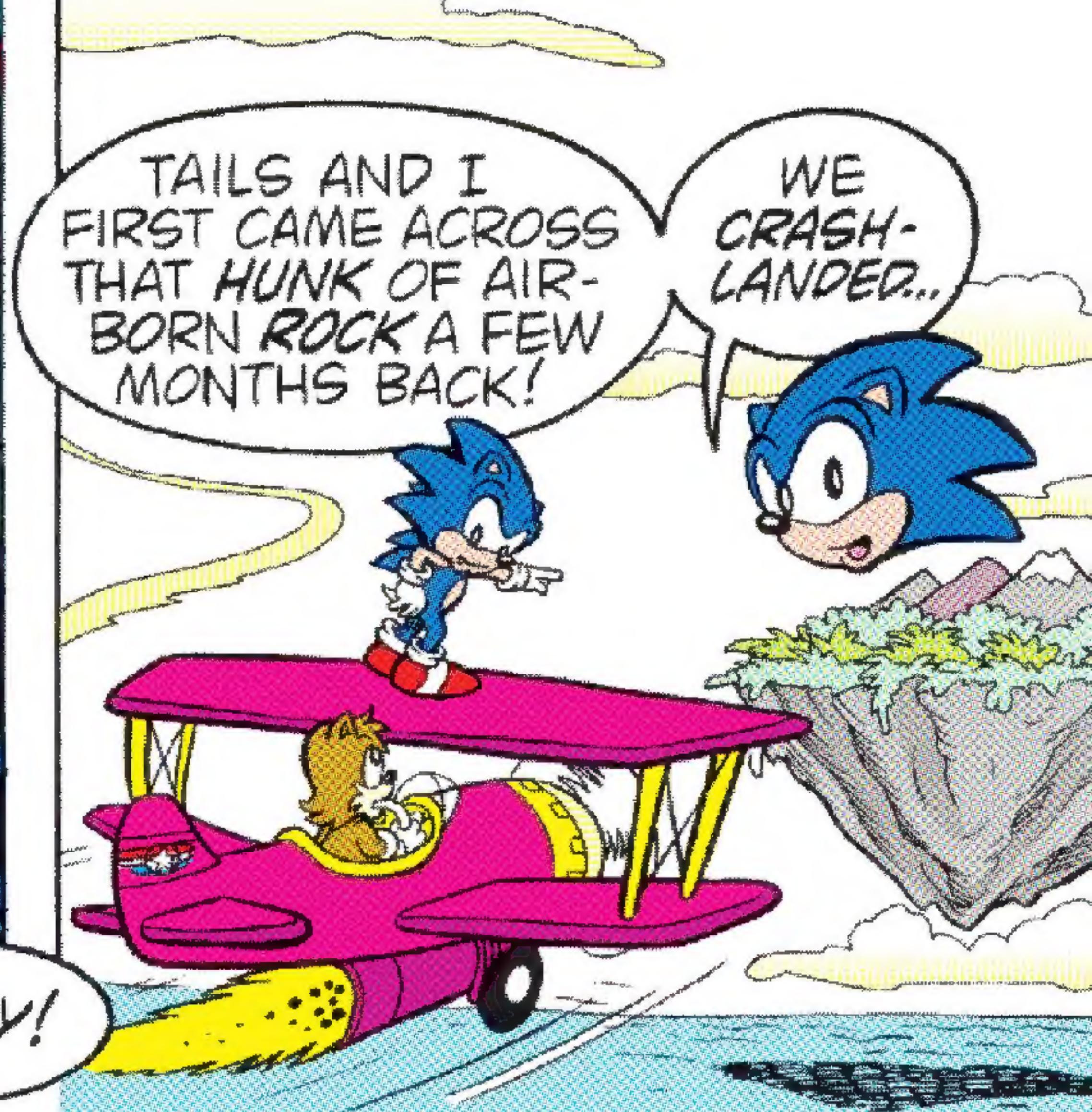
PLENTY!

AND YOU WOULDN'T HAVE IF YOU HAD THE COMMON COURTESY TO --

HOLY--!

IT'S THE FLOATING ISLAND!

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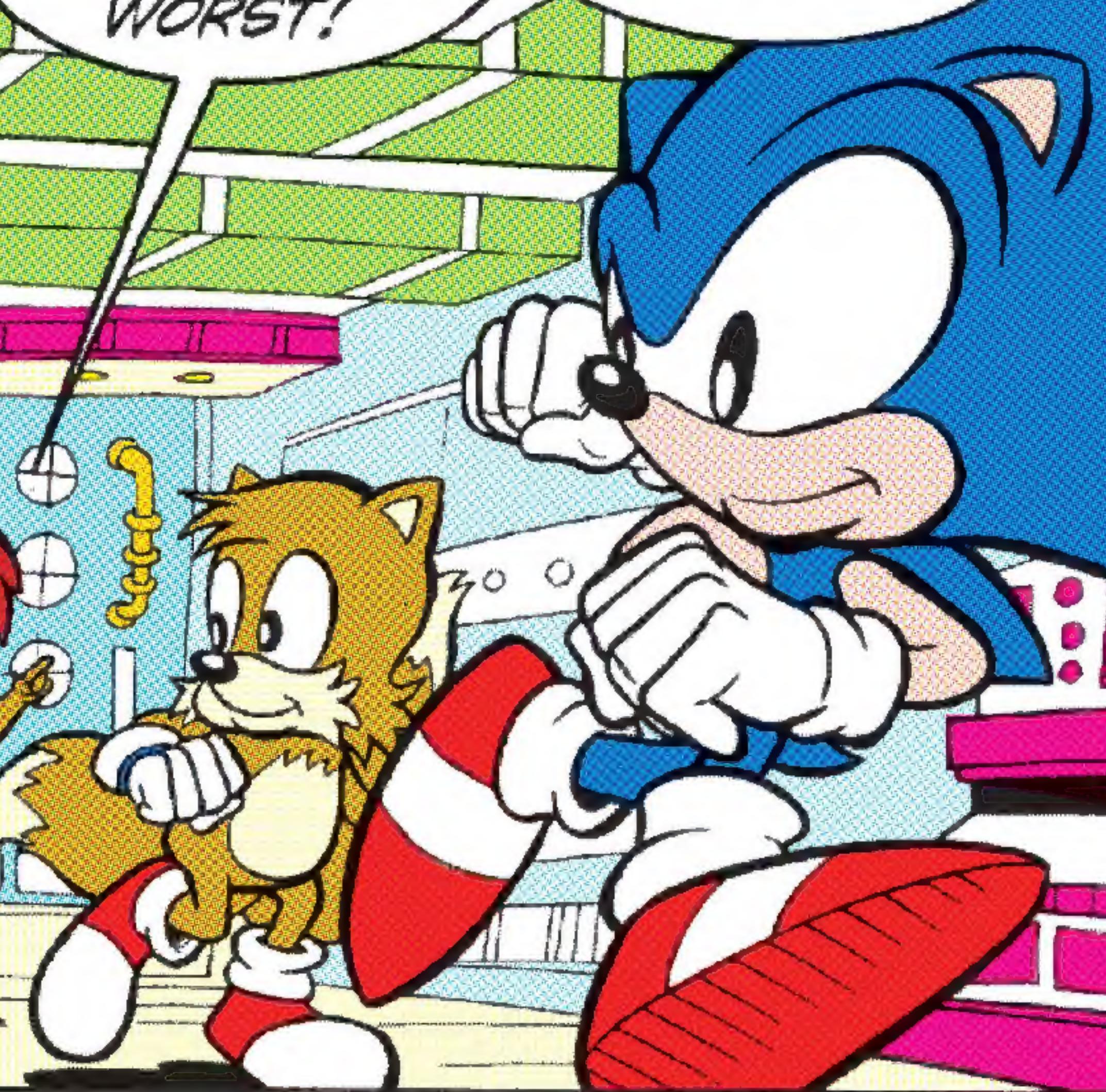
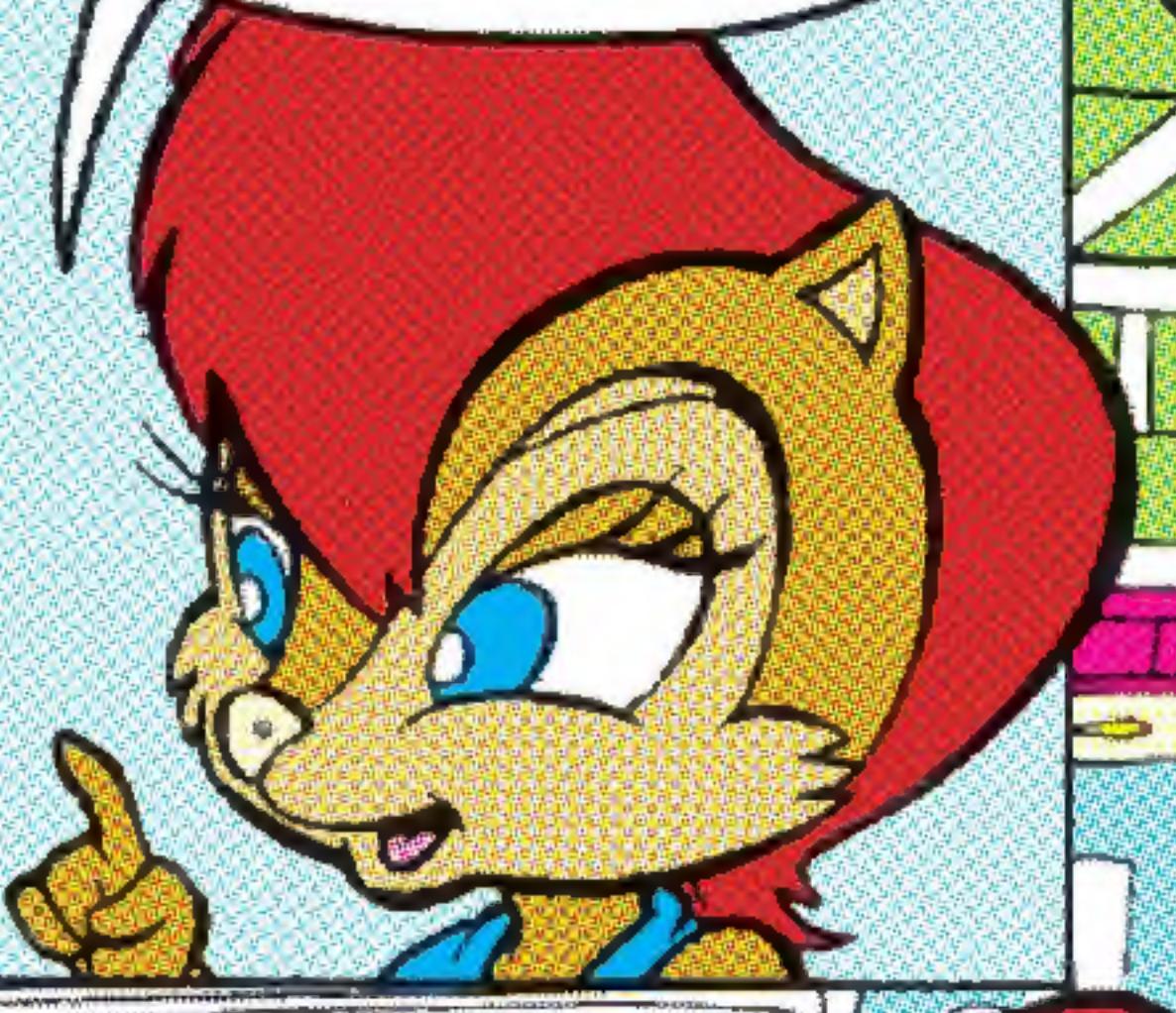
*REFER TO THE NOW CLASSIC SONIC #13, "THIS ISLAND HEDGEHOG," FOR THE FULL STORY--Scott

FAR AS I COULD TELL, HE'S NEITHER FOR US OR AGAINST US...

...WHICH MAKES SECOND-GUESSING HIM ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE!

UNTIL HIS INTENTIONS ARE CLEAR, IT'S BEST TO ASSUME THE WORST!

ANTOINE! FLY SONIC AND TAILS OUT IN THE TURBO-PROP...



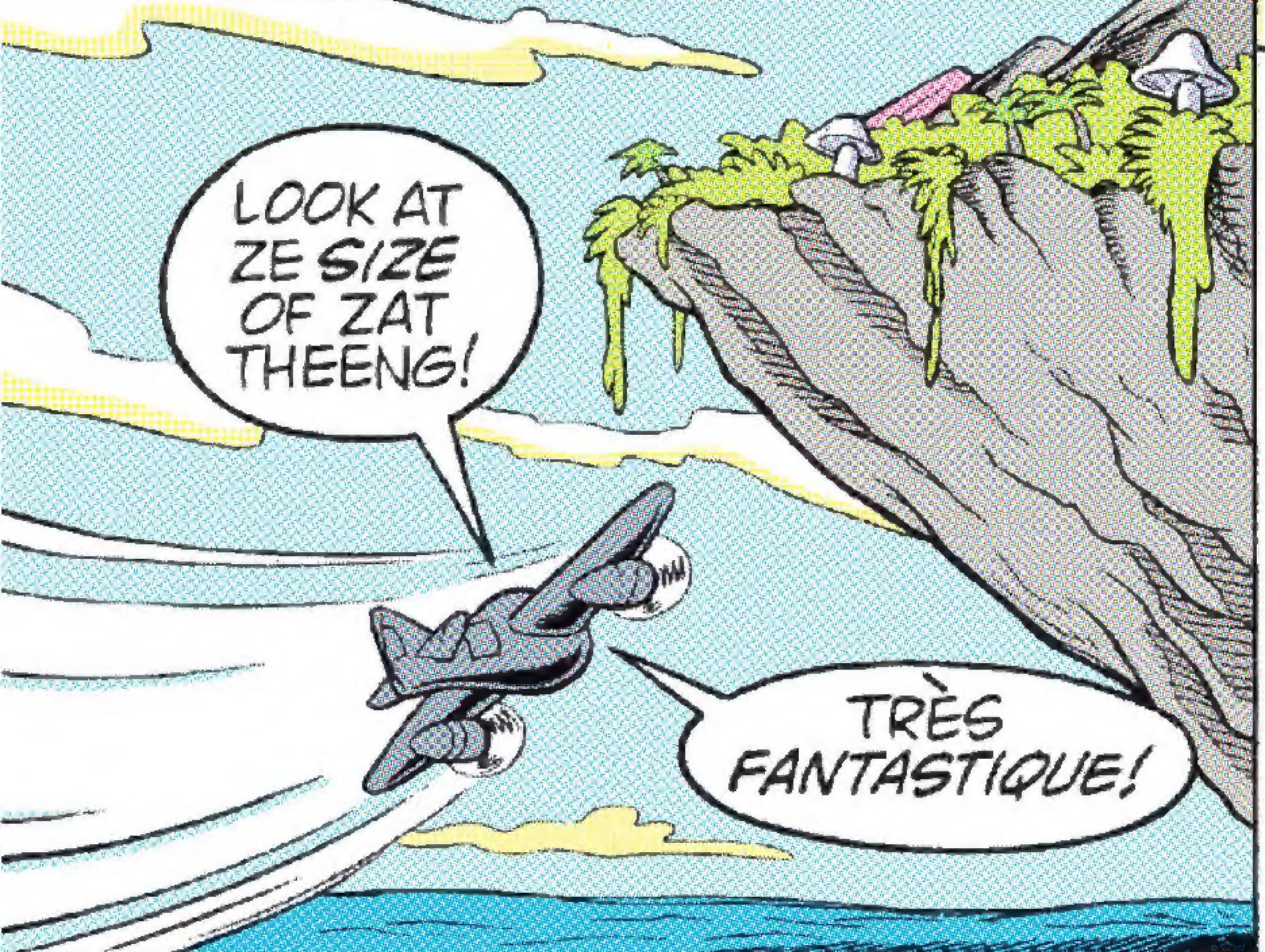
...AND LET'S GET A CLOSER LOOK!"

LOOK AT ZE SIZE OF ZAT THEENG!

TRÈS FANTASTIQUE!

RELAX, 'TWAN! YOU'VE SEEN ONE ISLAND, YOU'VE SEEN 'EM ALL!

FROM HERE, IT'S JUST ONE BIG BALL OF DIRT...



...AND WHERE'S THE DANGER IN THAT?

K-CHUNG!

WHRR

K-CHUKT!
K-CHUKT!

NOT WAY COOL!

WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

PHOOM!

PHOOM!

PHOOM!

ZUT ALORS!

I THOUGHT YOU SAID ZIS ISLAND WAS UNARMED!

IT WAS...

...UNTIL NOW!

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED!

HEAVY ARTILLERY...

...AND ENGINES!

TAKE US TOPSIDE 'TWAN!
LET'S GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!

ZE GUNS, IT SEEMS, CANNOT BE AIMED ABOVE ZE HORIZON!

I WAS COUNTING ON THAT!

GET YOURSELF AND THE TURBO-PROP BACK TO BASE...

...WE'RE GOIN' IN!

...BEING PIGGY-BACKED IS BAD FOR MY IMAGE!

WHUUMPH!

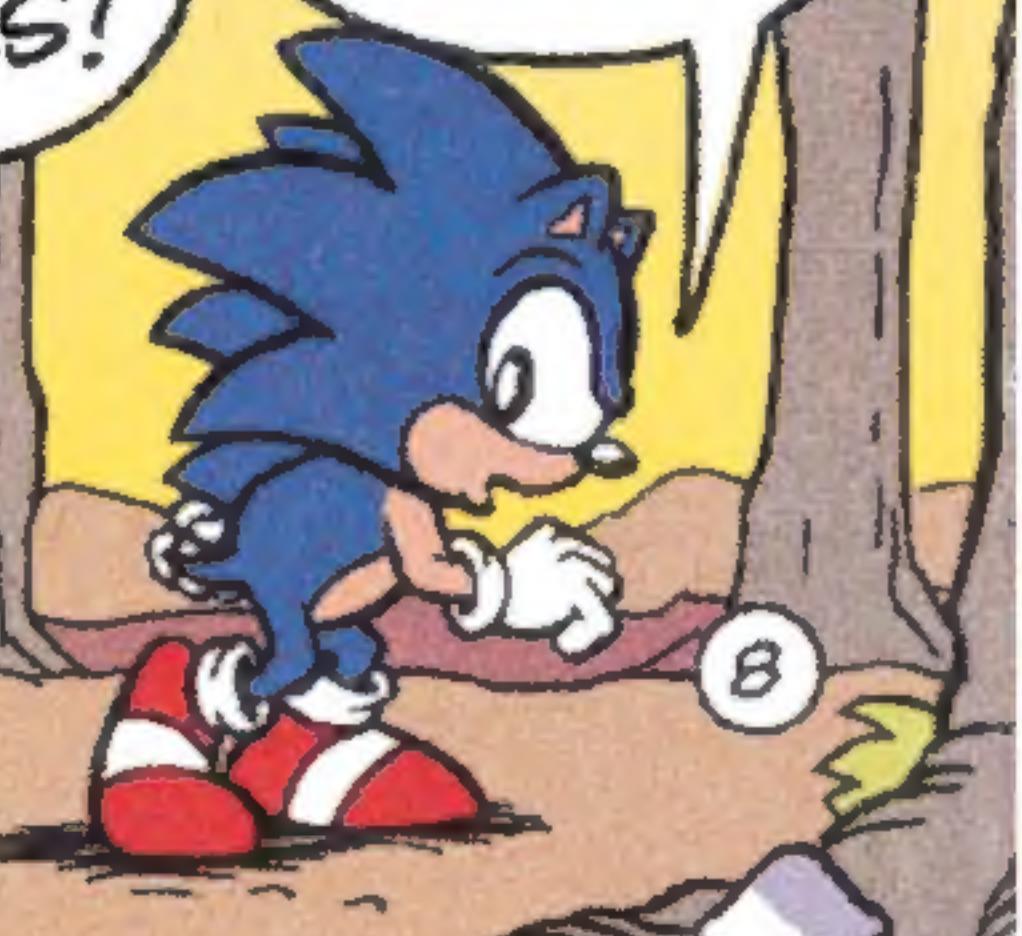
NEED A LIFT, SONIC?

NO THANKS, PAL...

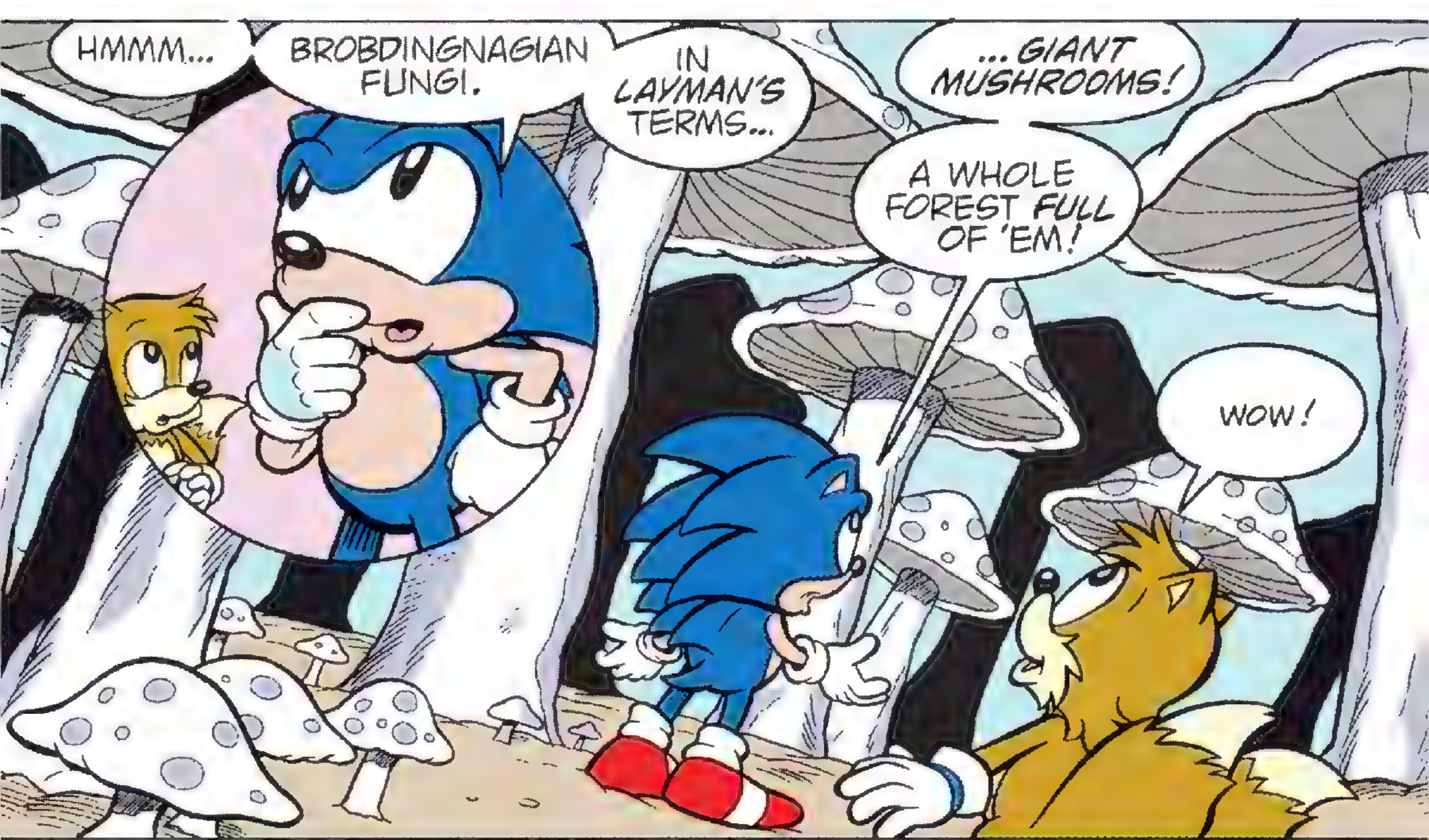
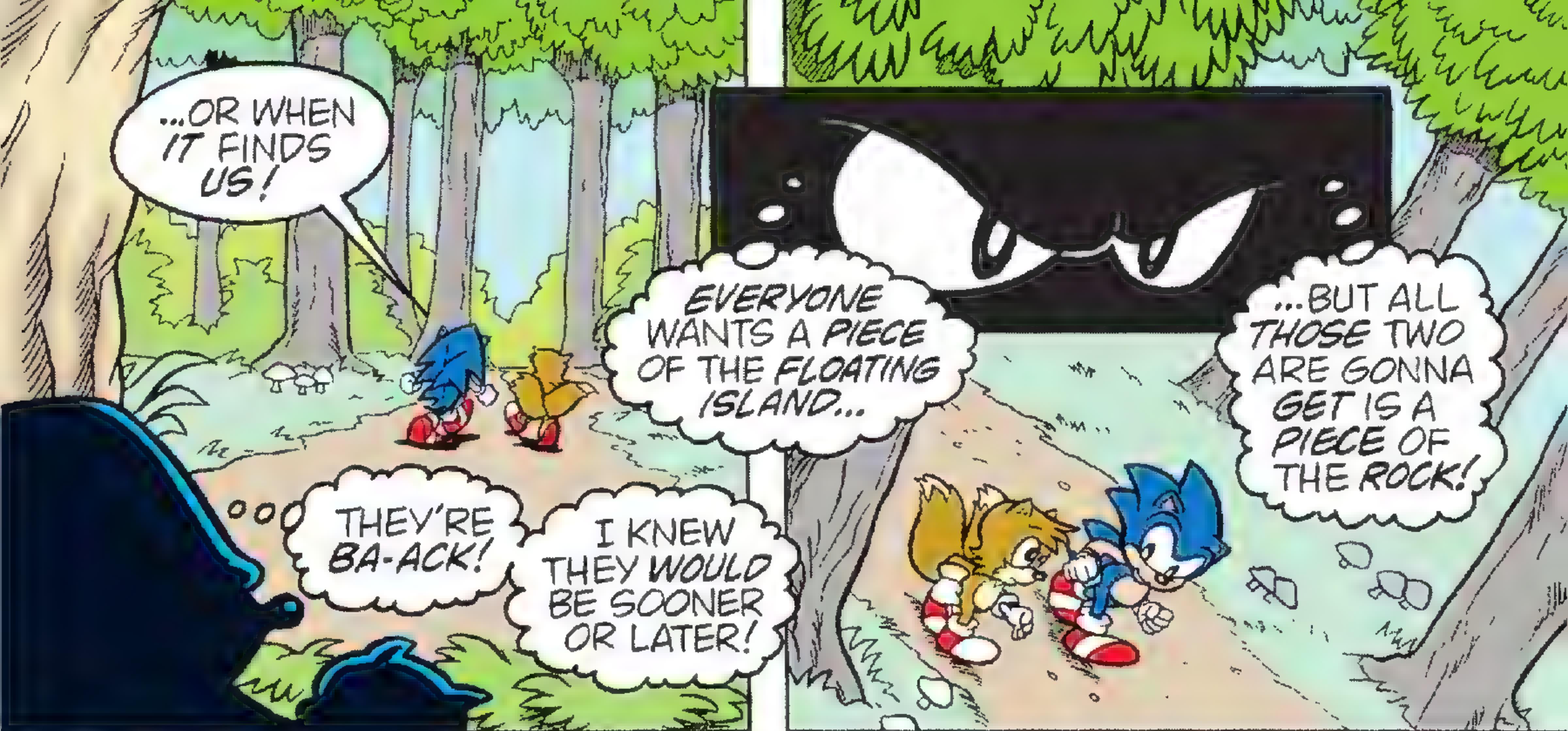
SO WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE LOOKING FOR, ANYWAY?

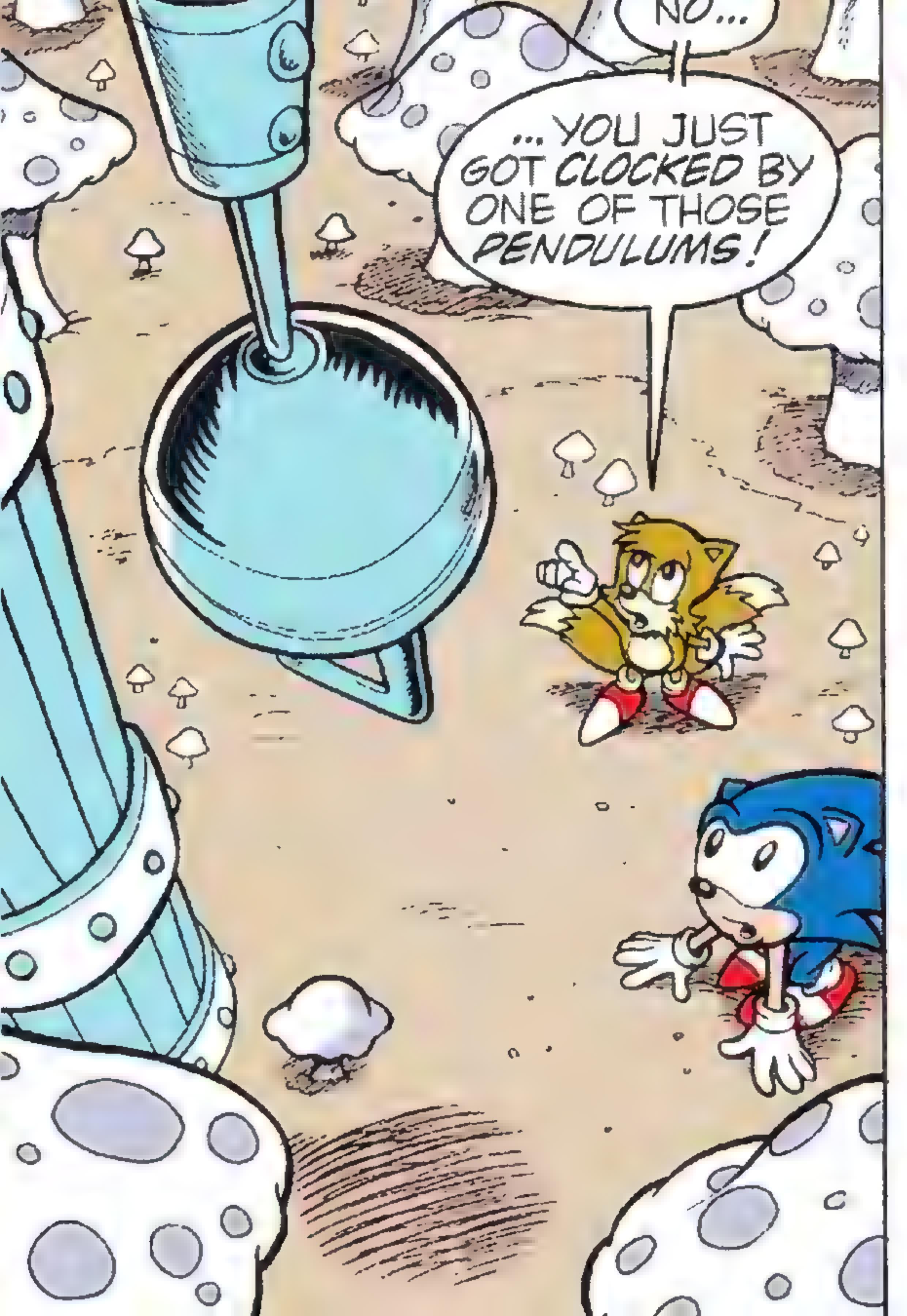
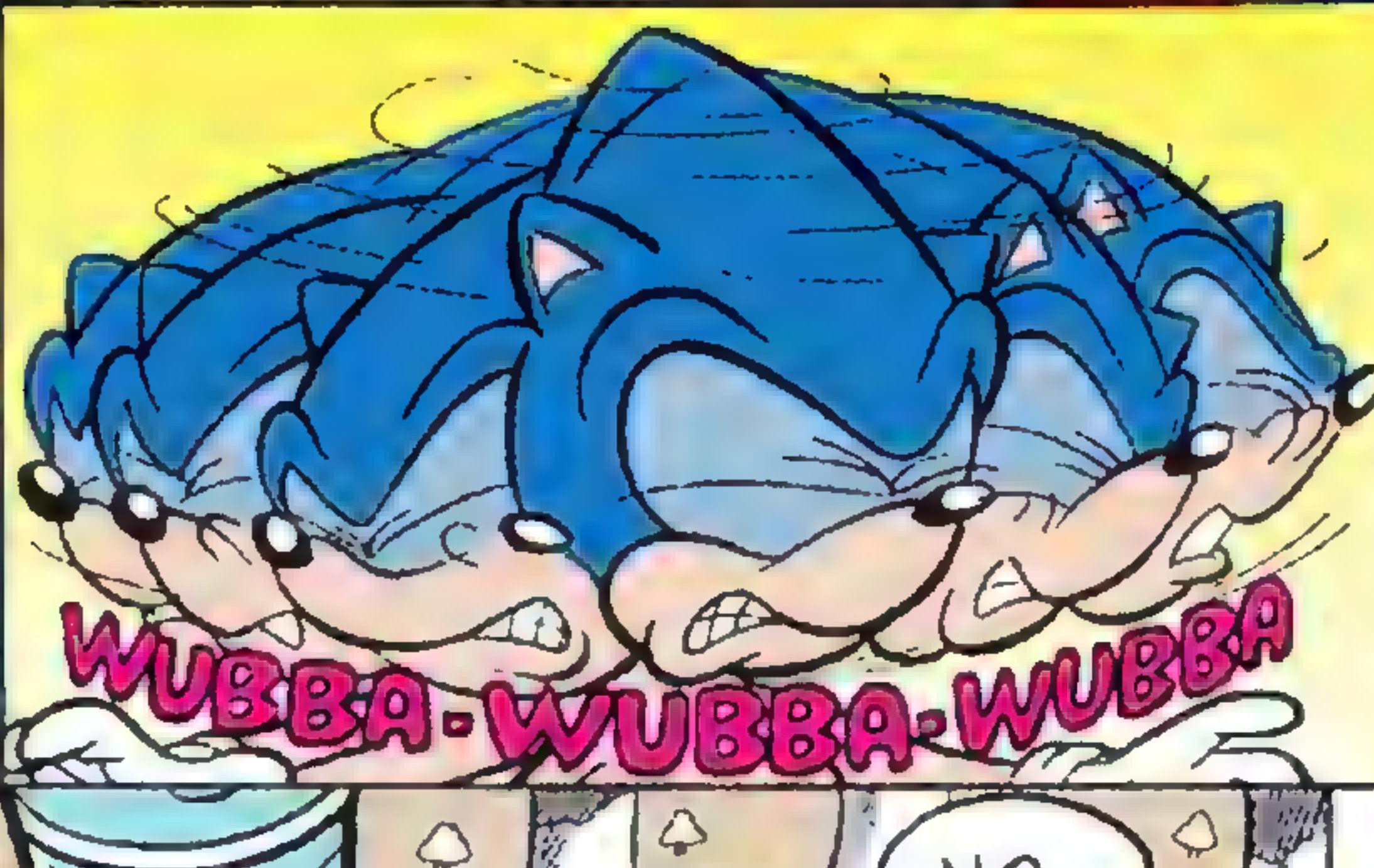
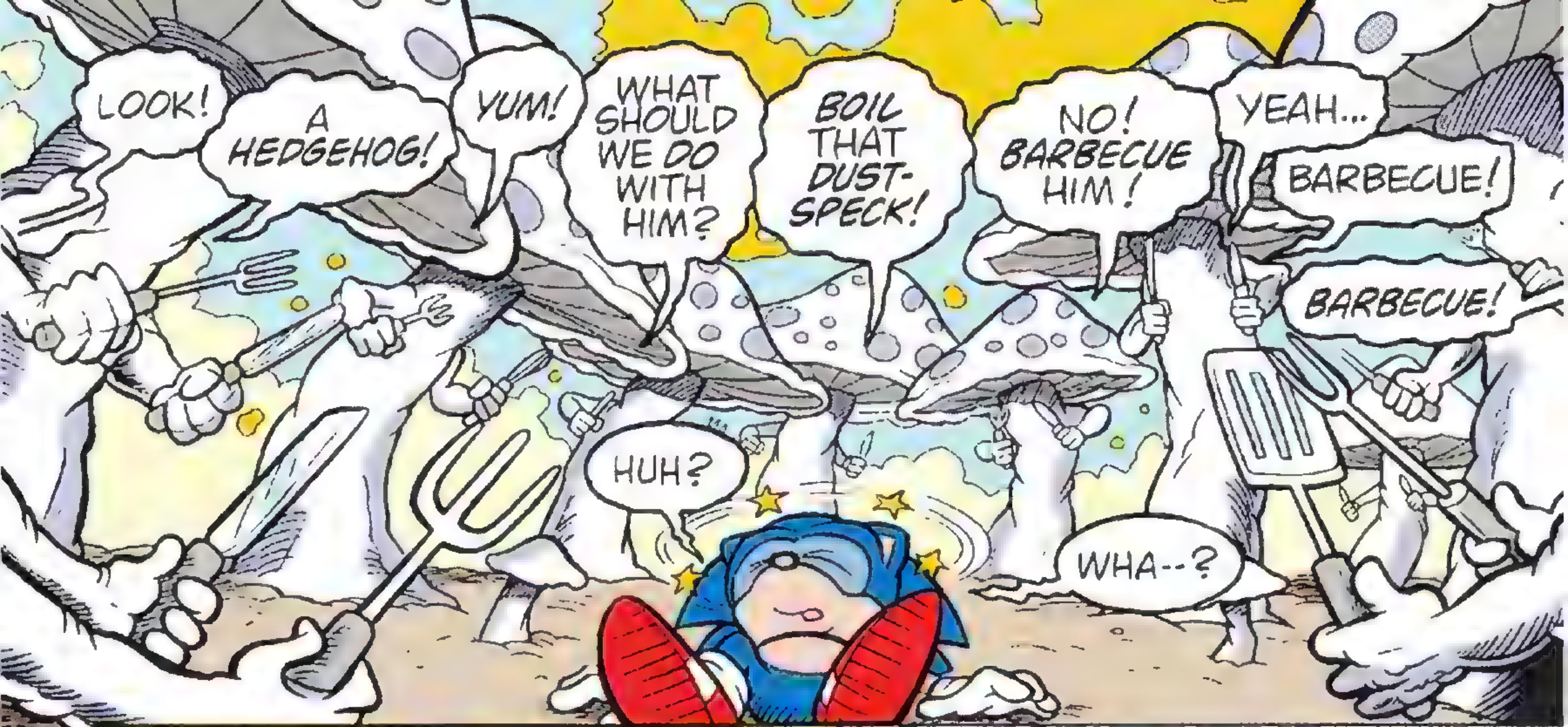
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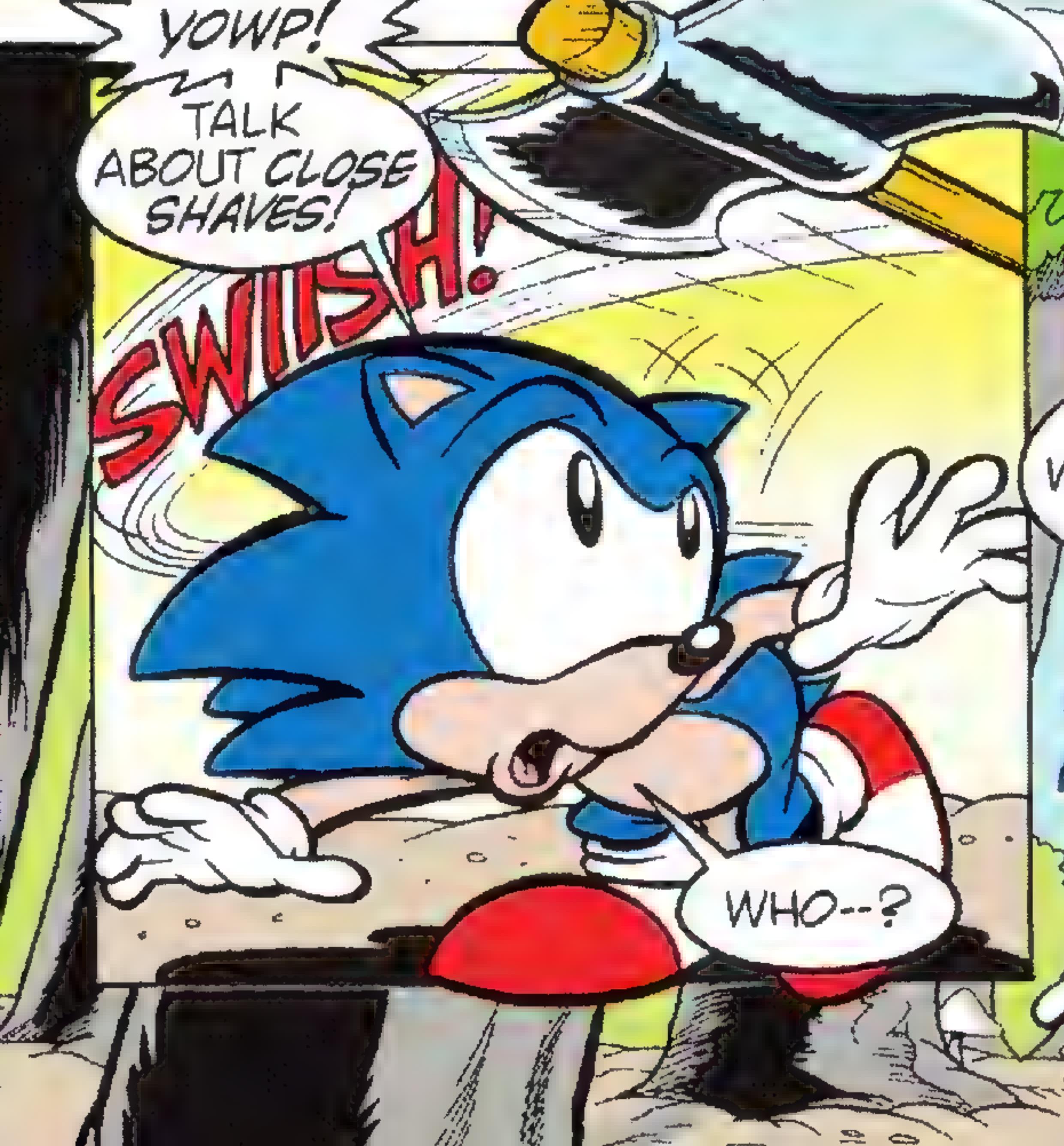
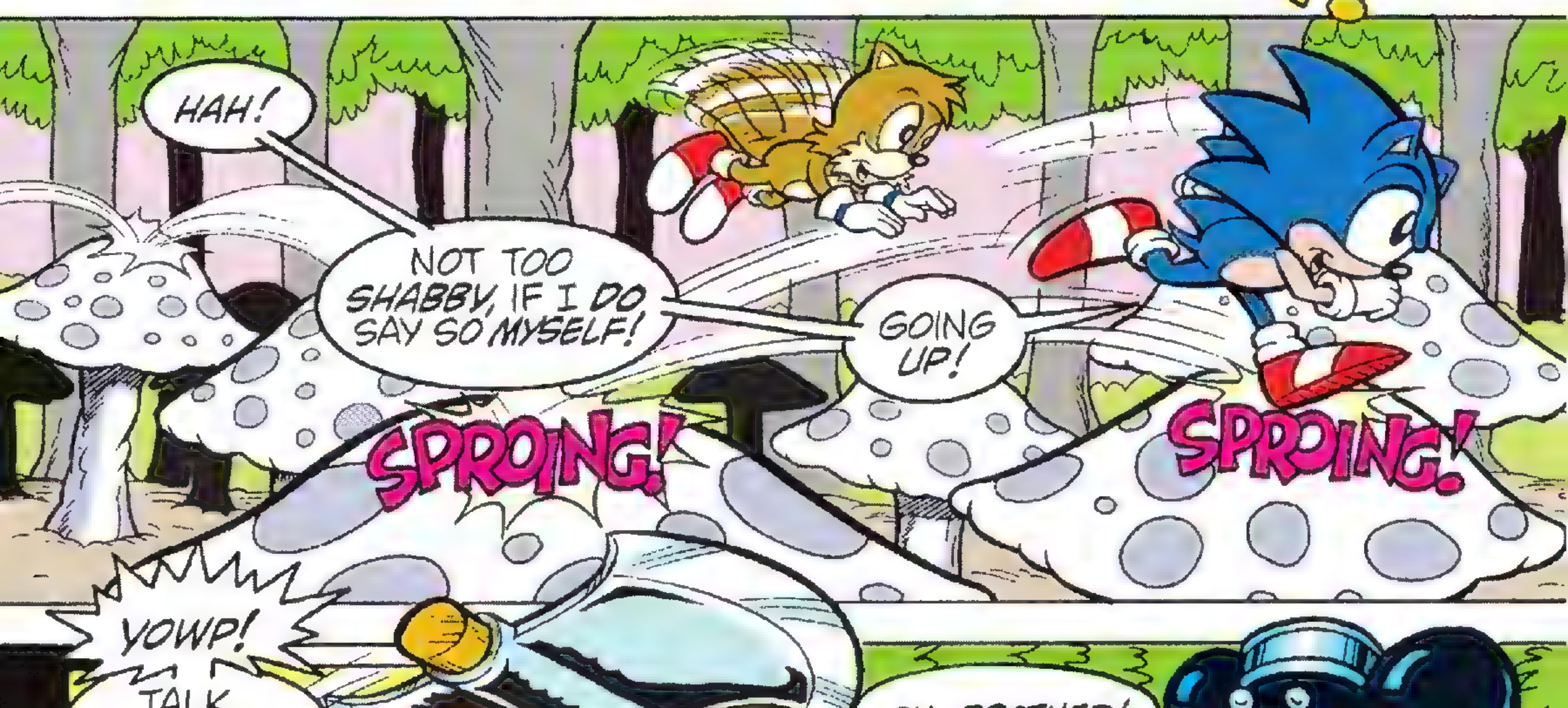
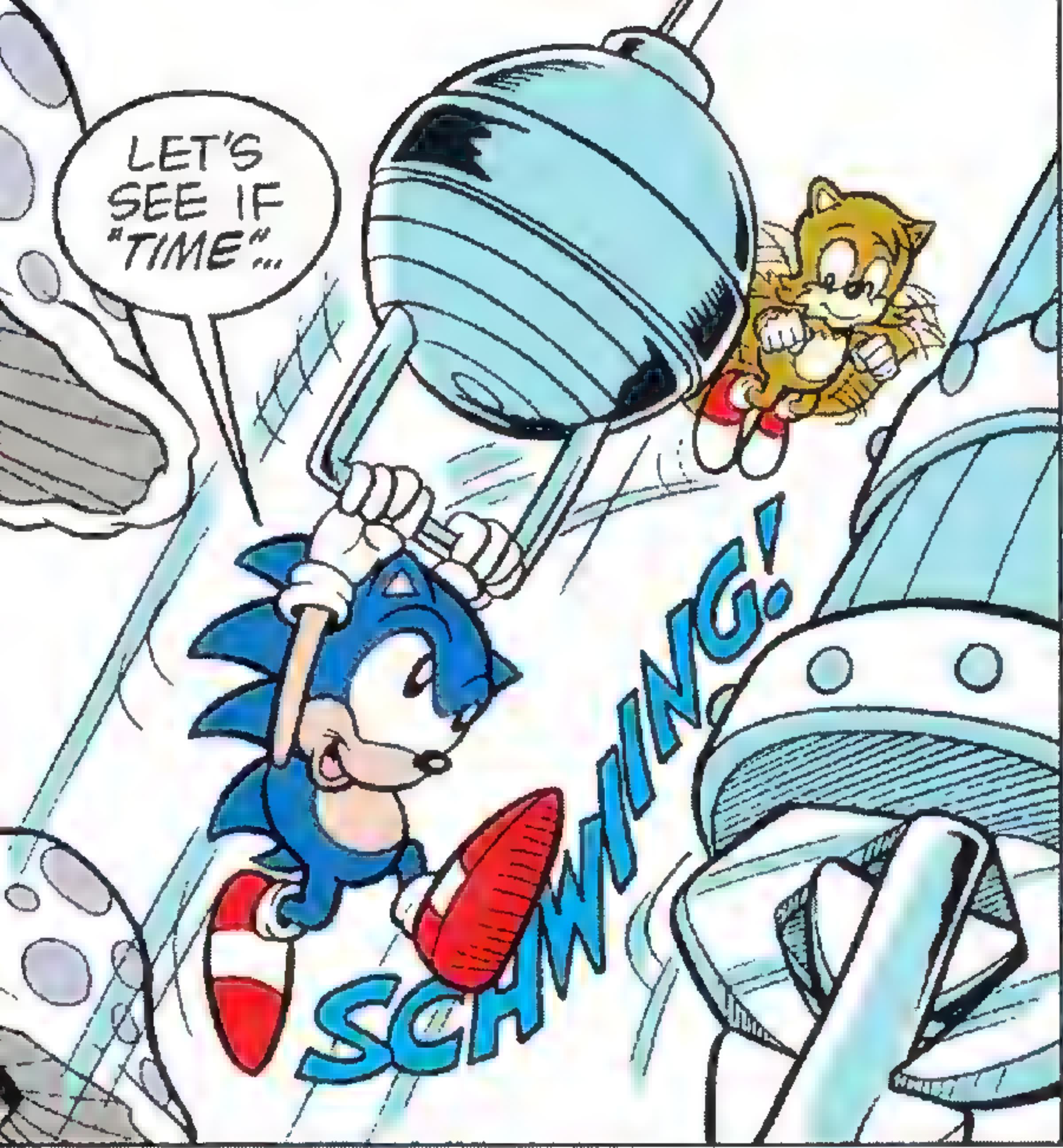
WE'LL KNOW WHEN WE FIND IT...

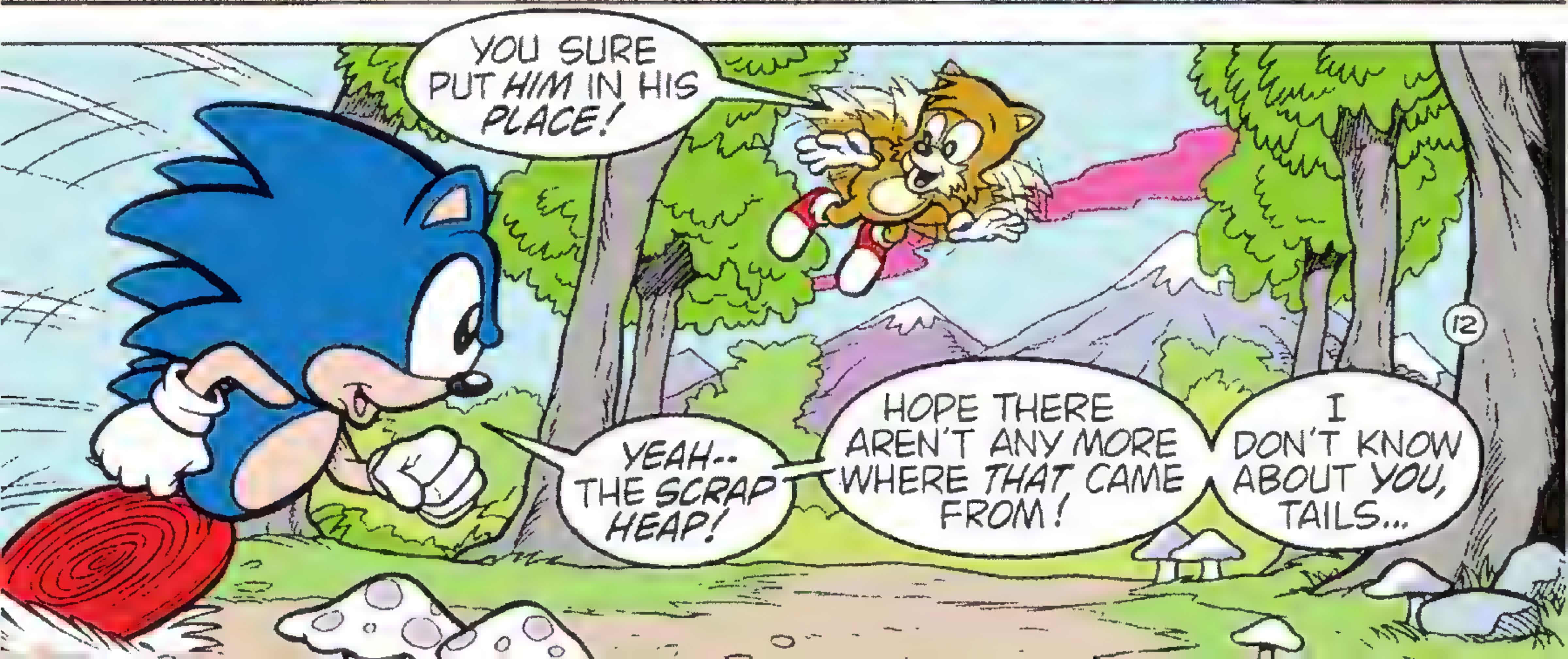


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...BUT I'M
GETTING PRETTY SICK
OF HAVING THE RUG
PULLED OUT FROM
UNDER--

HEY!

FLOOOMP!

HELP!
HAHAHA

ME
AND MY BIG
MOUTH!

UHNG!

LUCKY I
MANAGED
TO SNAG
THIS
LEDEGE...

WHUUMPH!

...OR I
WOULD'VE BEEN
IN DEEP, DEEP
TROUBLE!

WHO
SAYS YOU'RE
NOT?

HI, THERE!

MISS
ME?

WHO'S THE MYSTERIOUS
STRANGER? WE'LL GIVE
YOU ONE GUESS!

SONIC & KNUCKLES™

IN PANIC IN THE SKY!

PART II

KNUCKLES!

FIGURED YOU'D
SHOW YOUR UGLY MUG
SOONER OR LATER!

HOW'S IT
GOING?!

OH, CAN'T COMPLAIN!
--EXCEPT I HATE TRESPASS-
ERS WHO TRY TO TURN MY
HOME INTO A
WAR ZONE...

...BUT YOU
ALREADY KNEW
THAT!

THIS IS YOUR SECOND
OFFENSE! AND... FAR
AS I'M CONCERNED...

...YOU CAN TAKE
THE FALL!

HEY,
MOLDILOCKS!

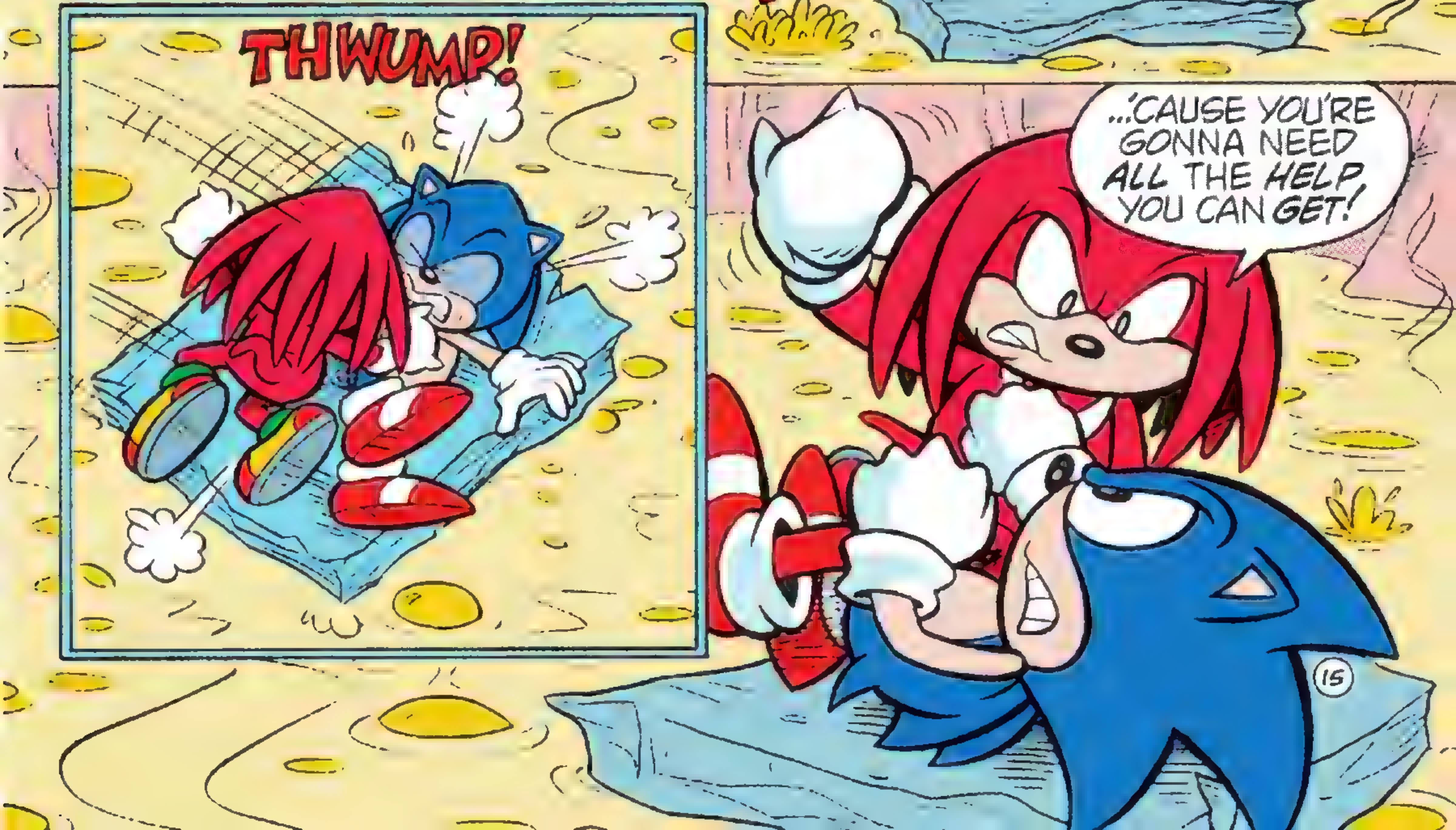
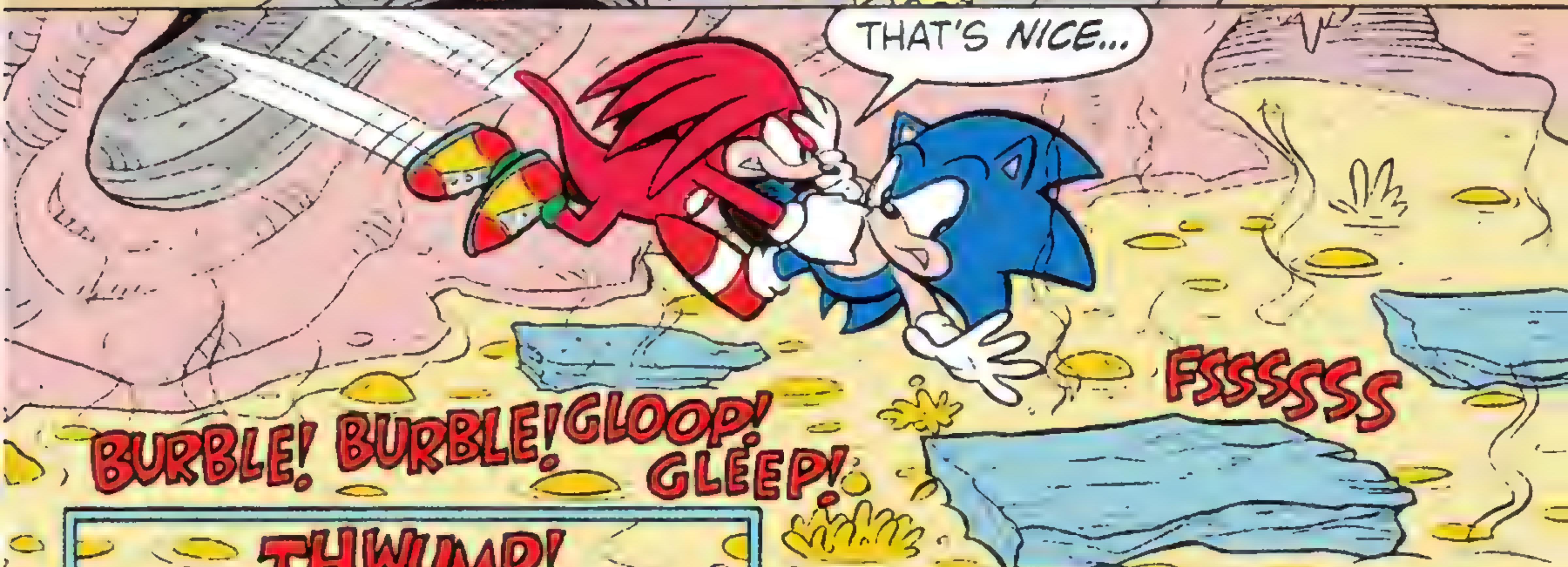
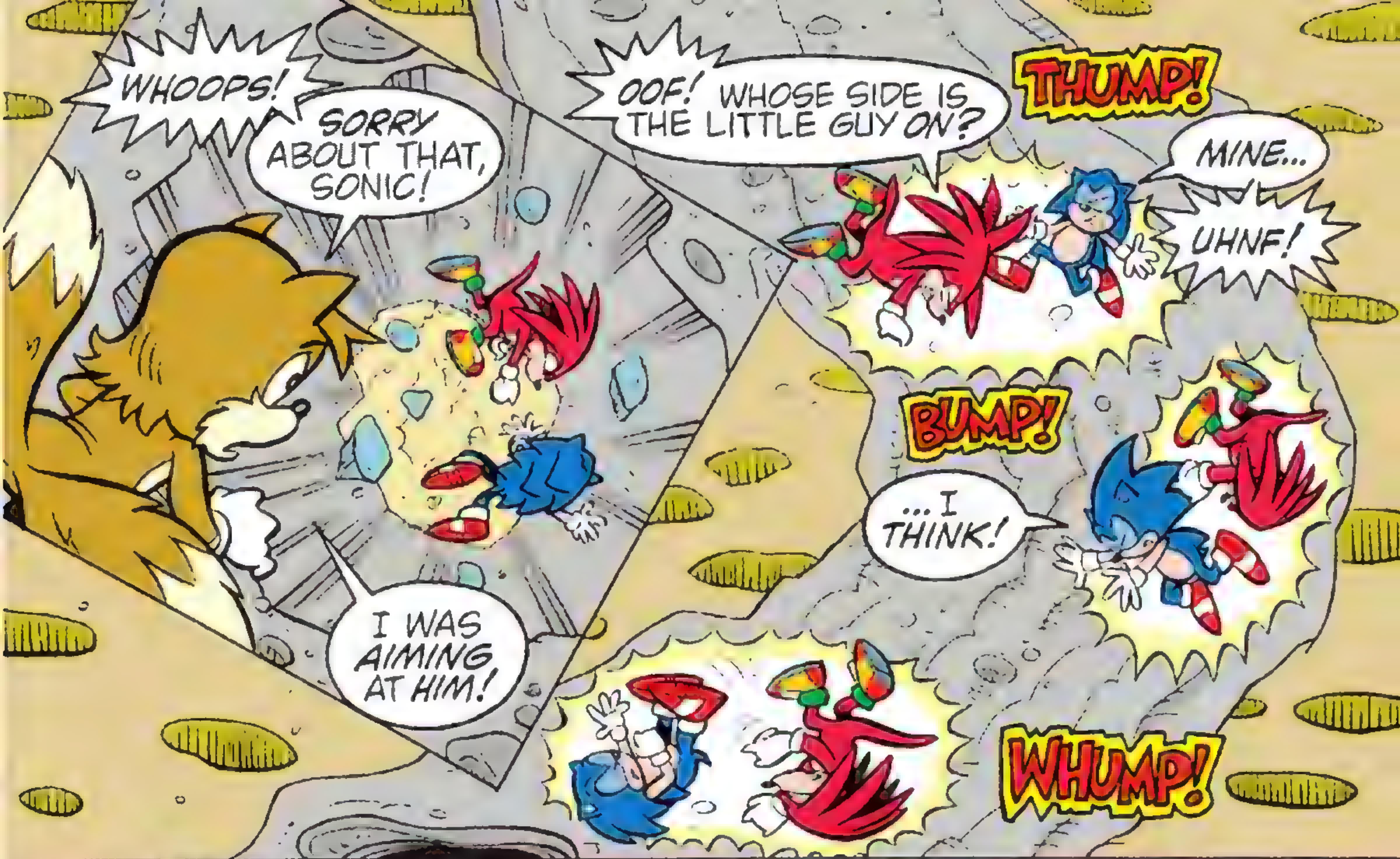
WHA--?

I GOT TH'
DROP ON YA!

KER-RUUUUNCH!

=UH-OH...=

KER-RAAKT!



UH--KNUCKLES? I THINK WE'RE BOTH GONNA NEED SOME HELP! THIS BLOCK... IS REALLY ROCKIN'!

NOT TO WORRY, PEOPLE...

RRRRRUUMMBBLLLL

...CAUSE WE ARE OUTTA HERE!

THANKS, PAL!

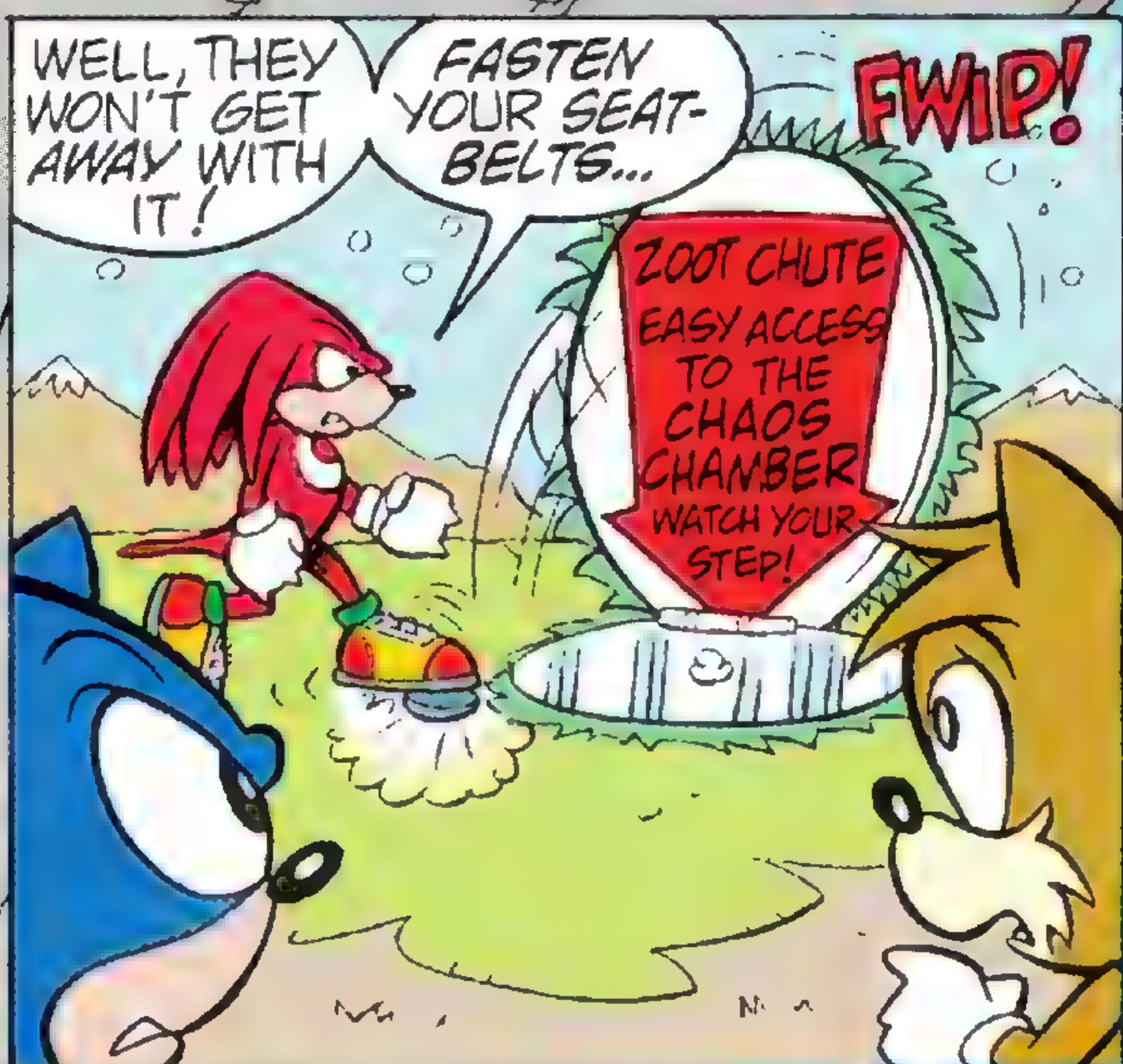
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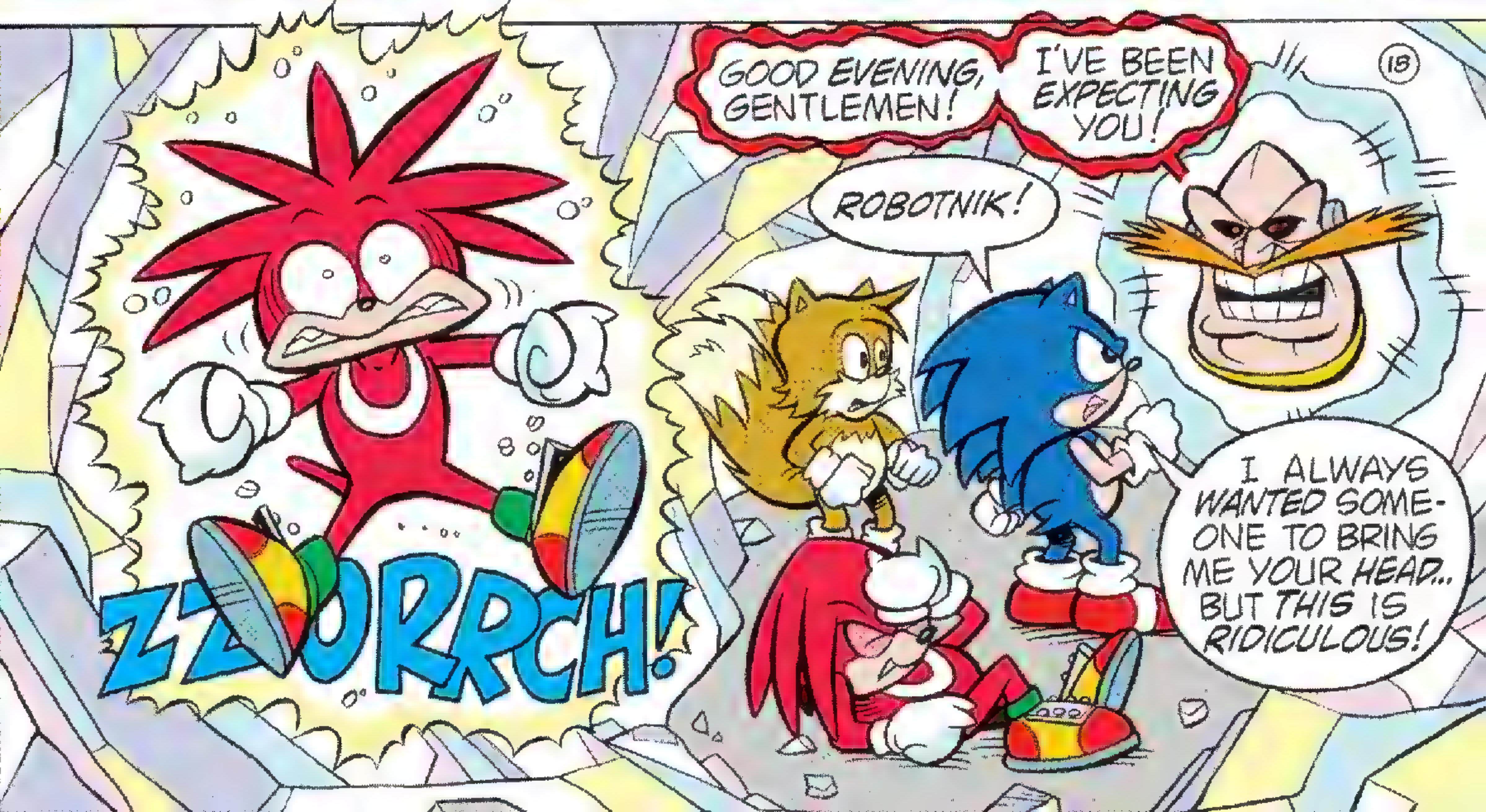
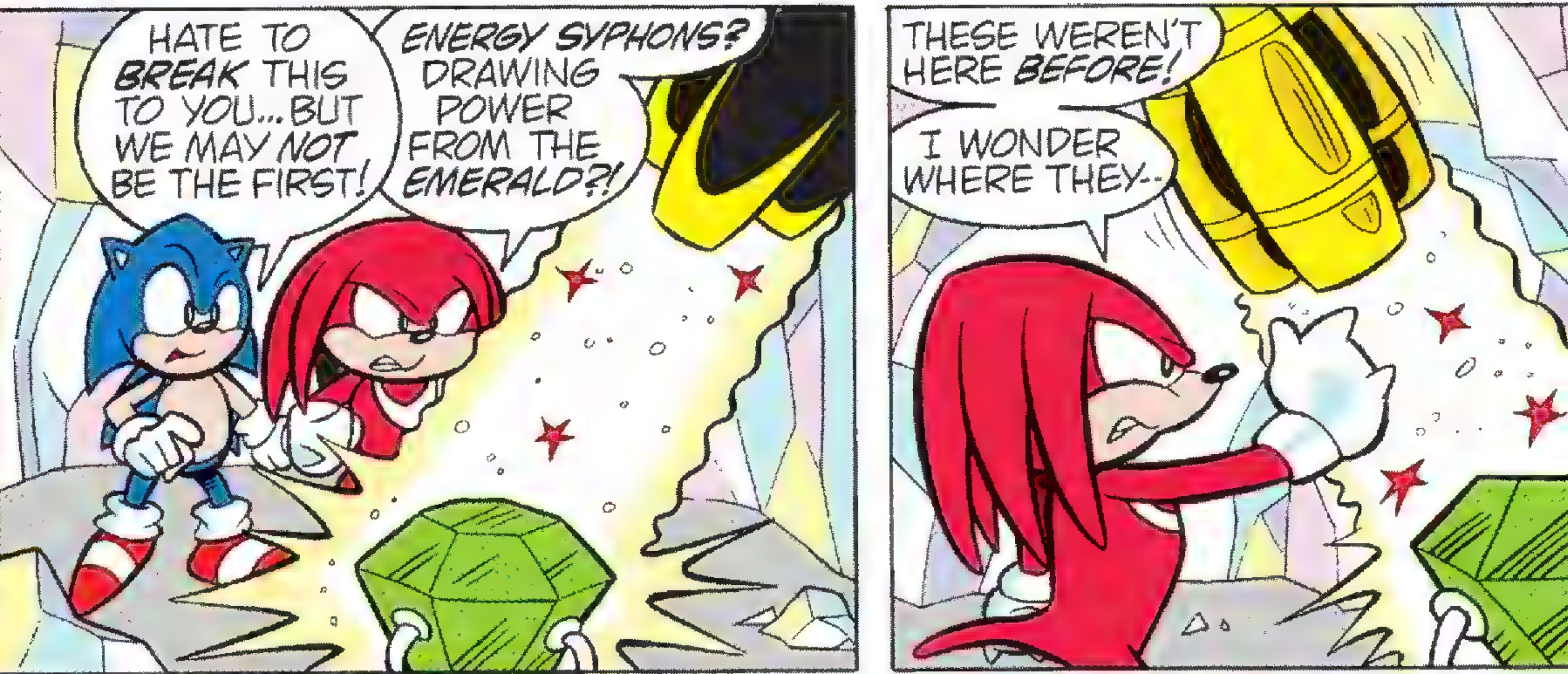
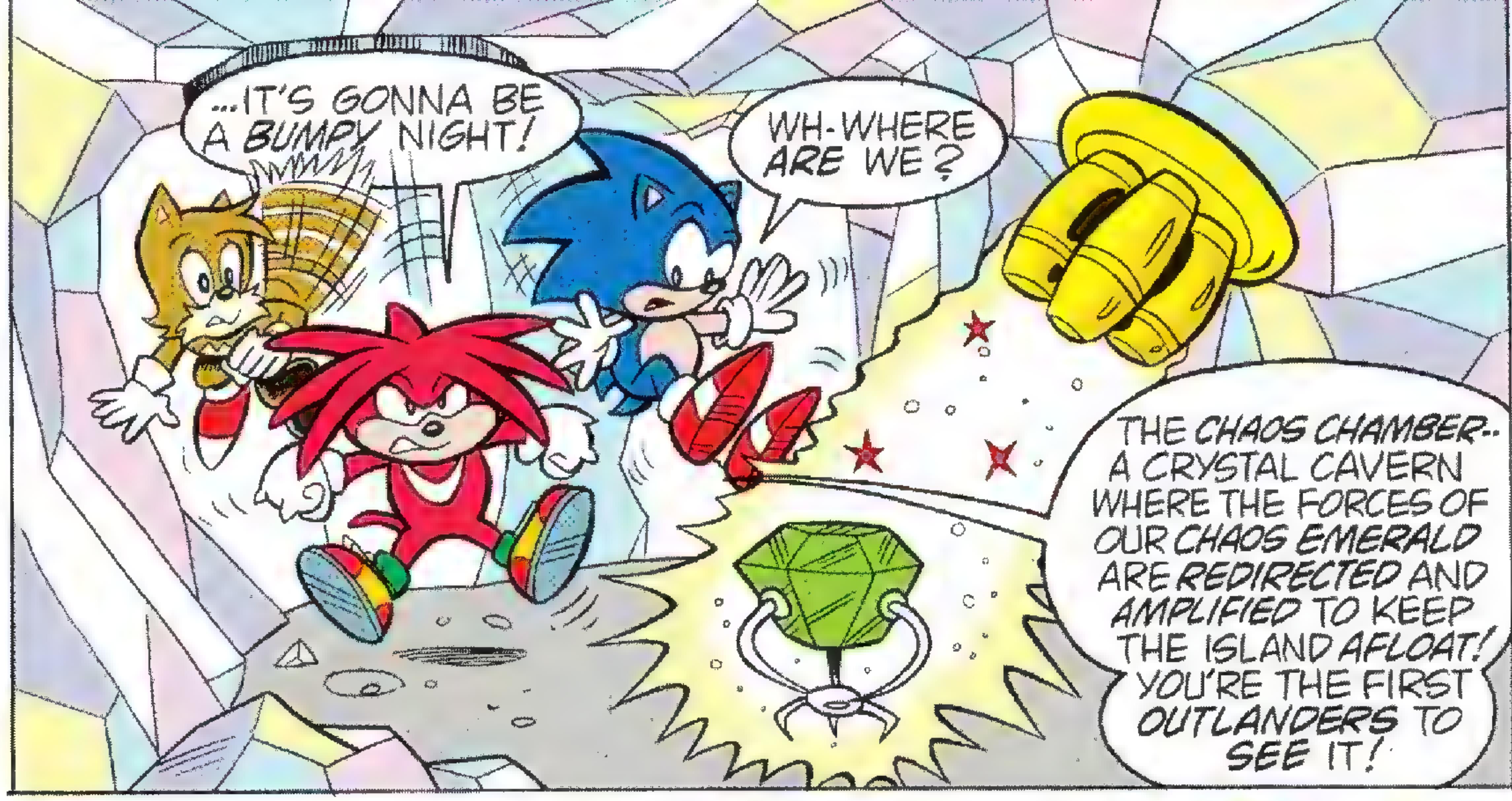
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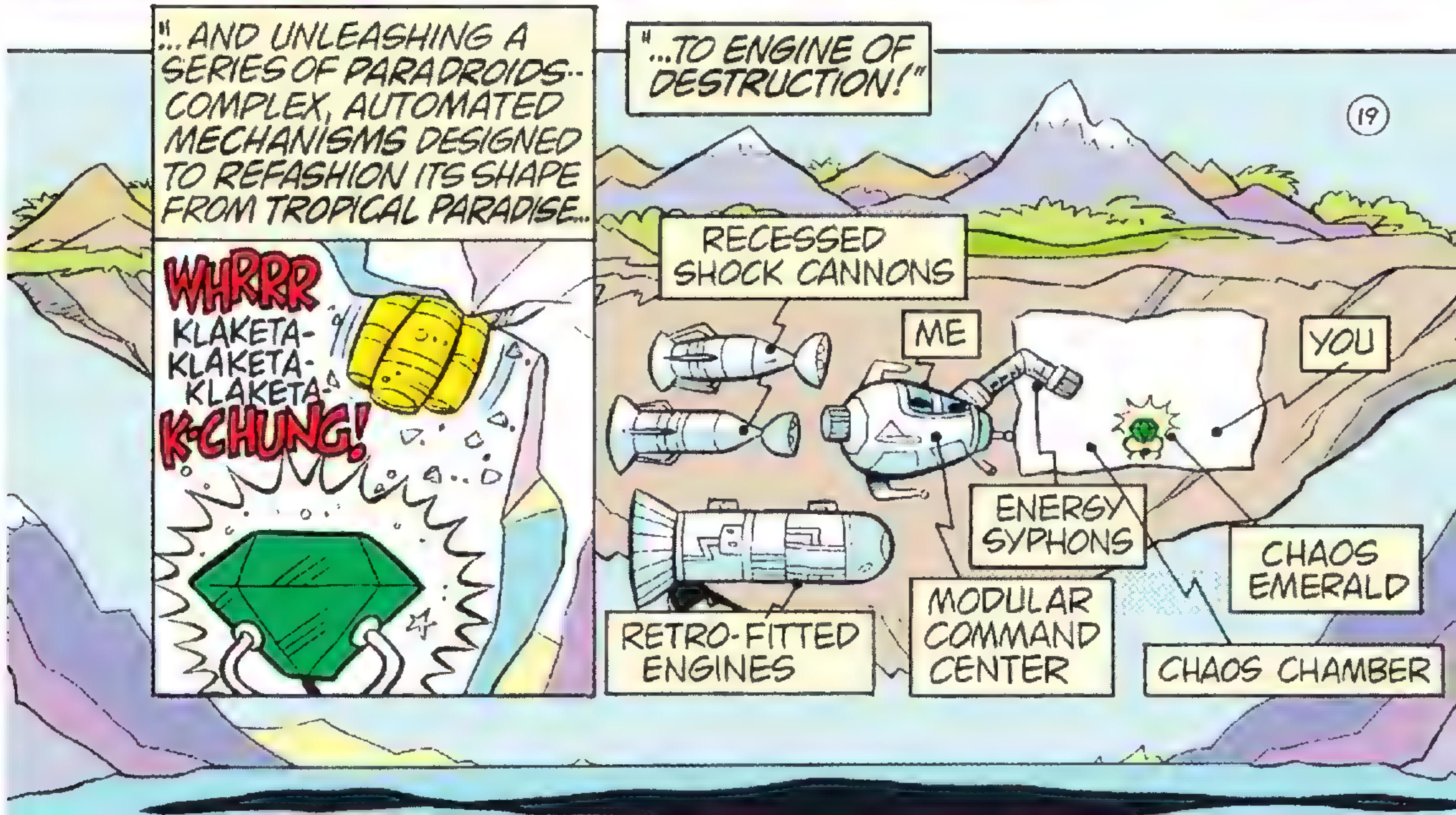
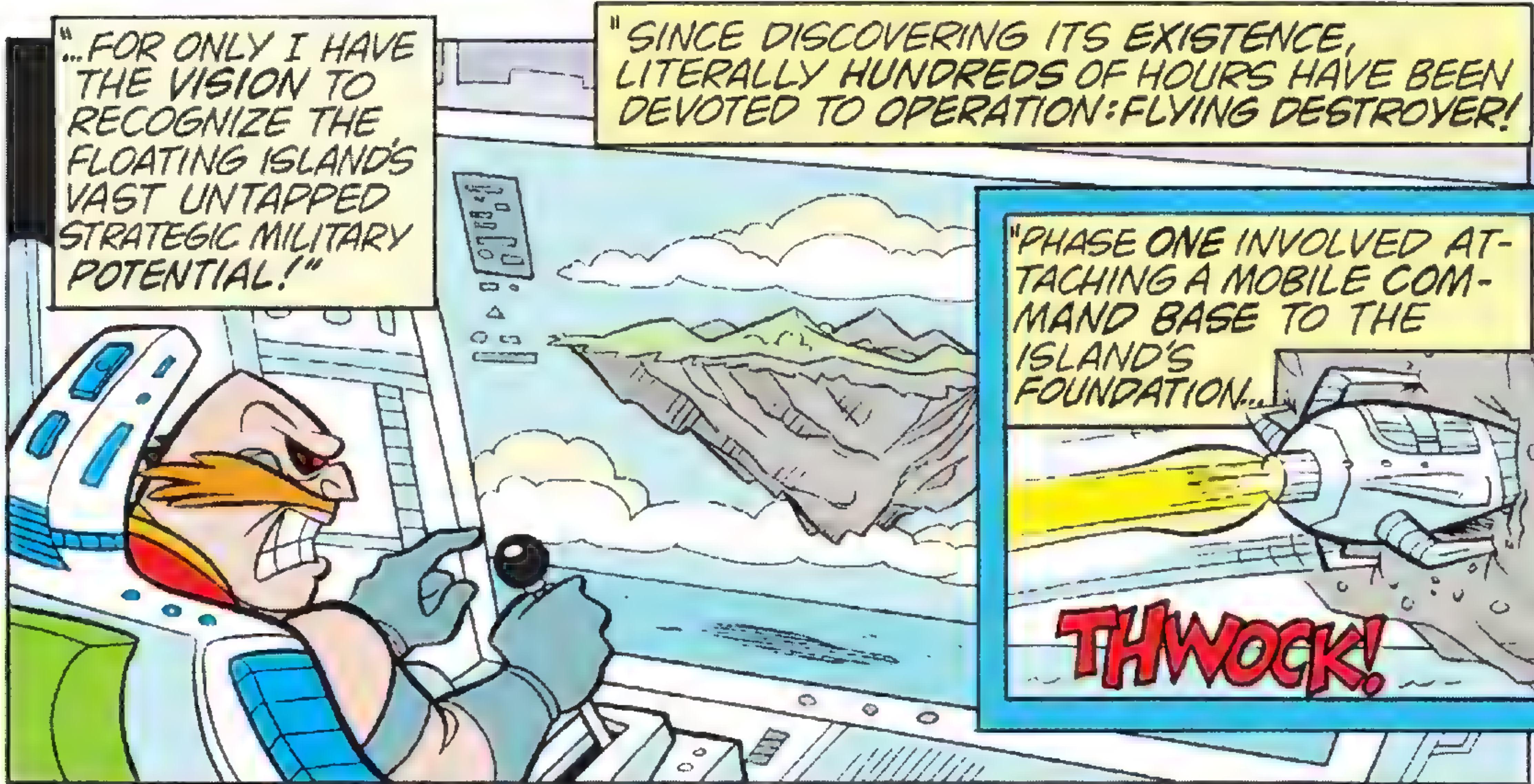
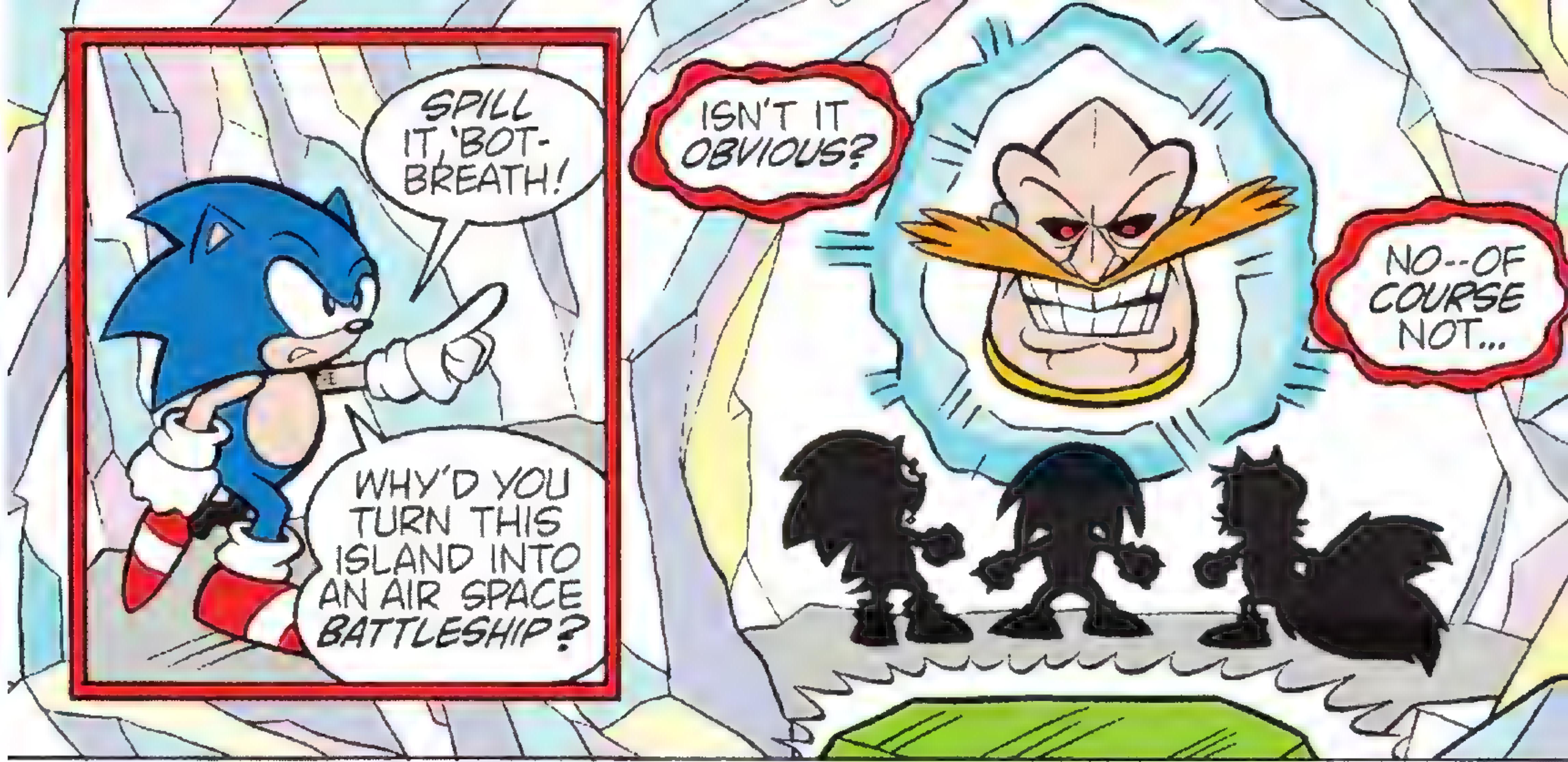
YEAH, THANKS, PAL! I'M PRETTY GOOD AT FLYING AND GLIDING-- BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IF I COULD GET ENOUGH ALTITUDE!

HOWEVER, I STILL HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROTECT MY HOME FROM INTRUDERS!

AGREED! BUT WE'RE NOT THE ENEMY! LOOK! UP IN THE SKY...







"AND
SPEAKING OF
'ENGINES'...

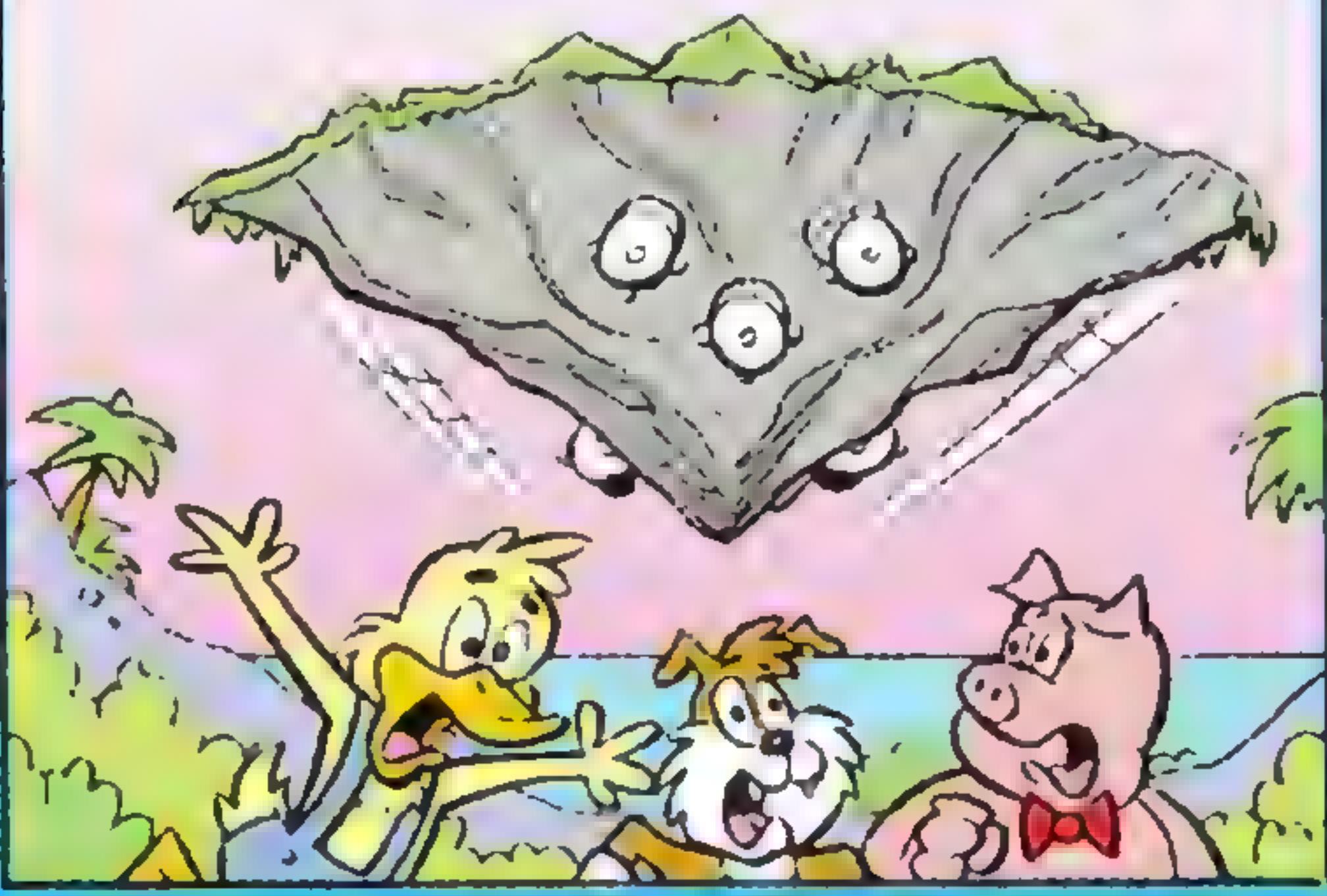
"USING
POWER FROM
THE CHAOS
EMERALD TO
FUEL THEM..."

"...I BEGAN
TO MOVE MY
FRESHLY-
ARMED
WEAPON OF
WAR DUE EAST..."

...TOWARD KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!"

KNOTHOLE VILLAGE

"IN MERE MOMENTS--ONCE THE
ISLAND IS DIRECTLY OVERHEAD--
THE SHOCK-CANNONS MOUNTED
ALONG ITS UndERSIDE SHALL FIRE!"



"AND THEN..."

K-CHUNG!

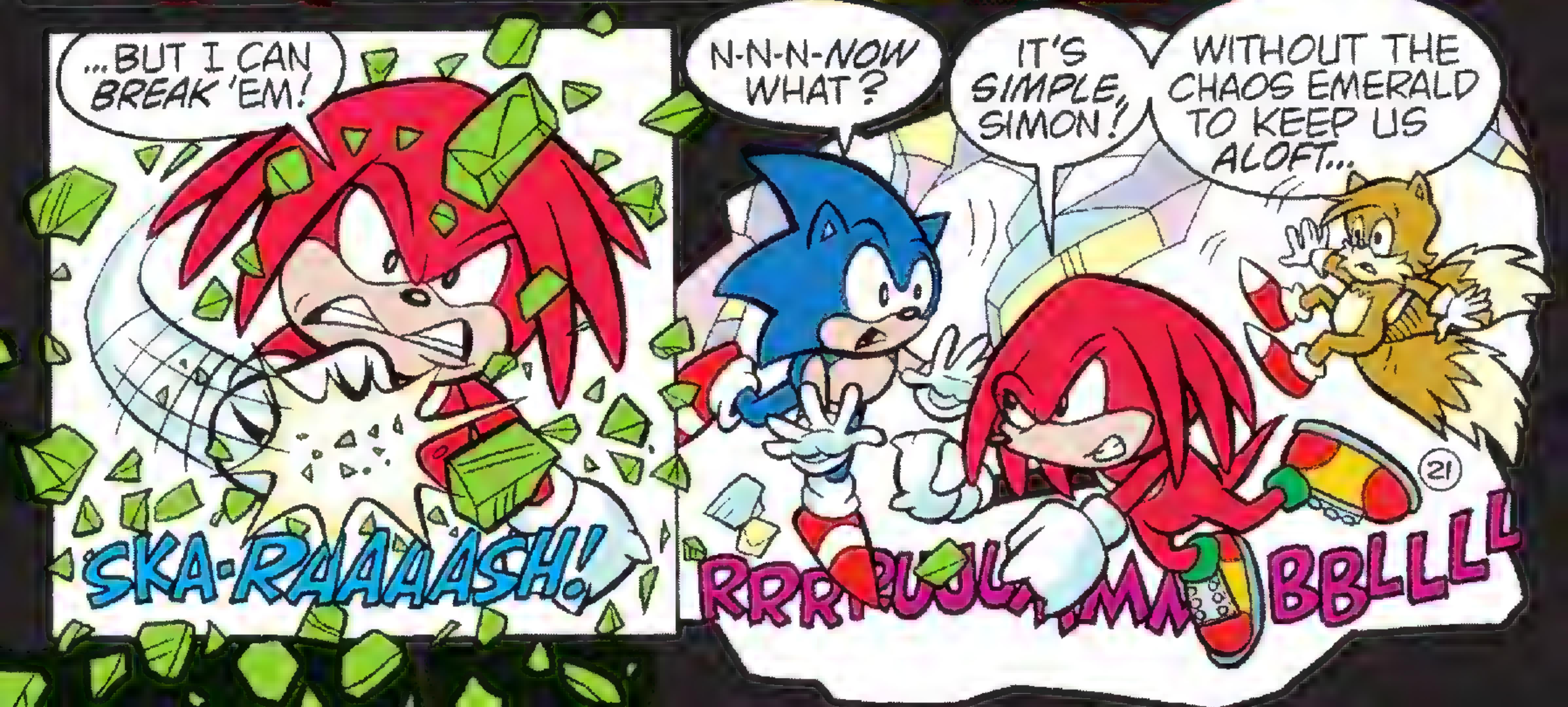
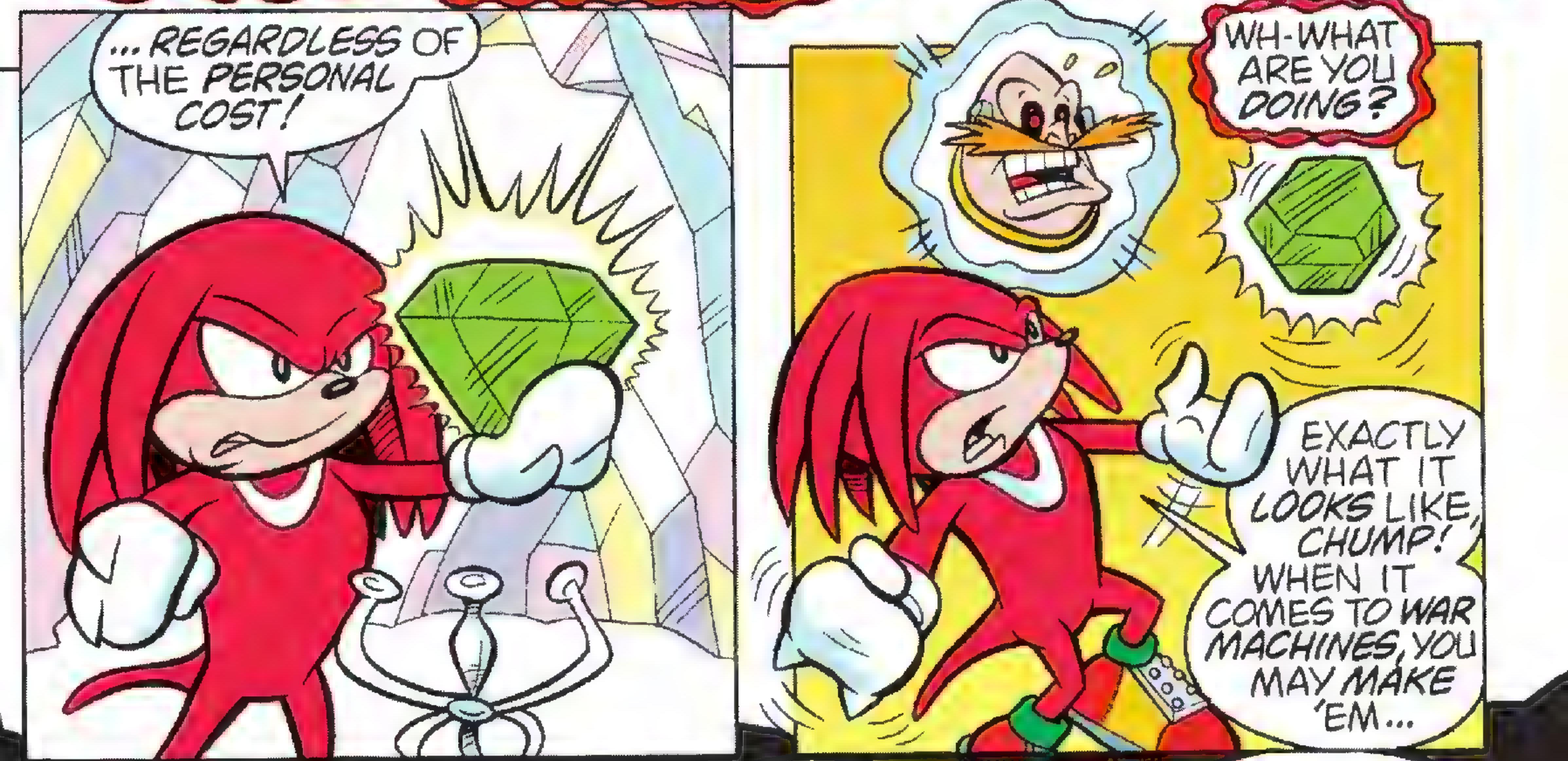
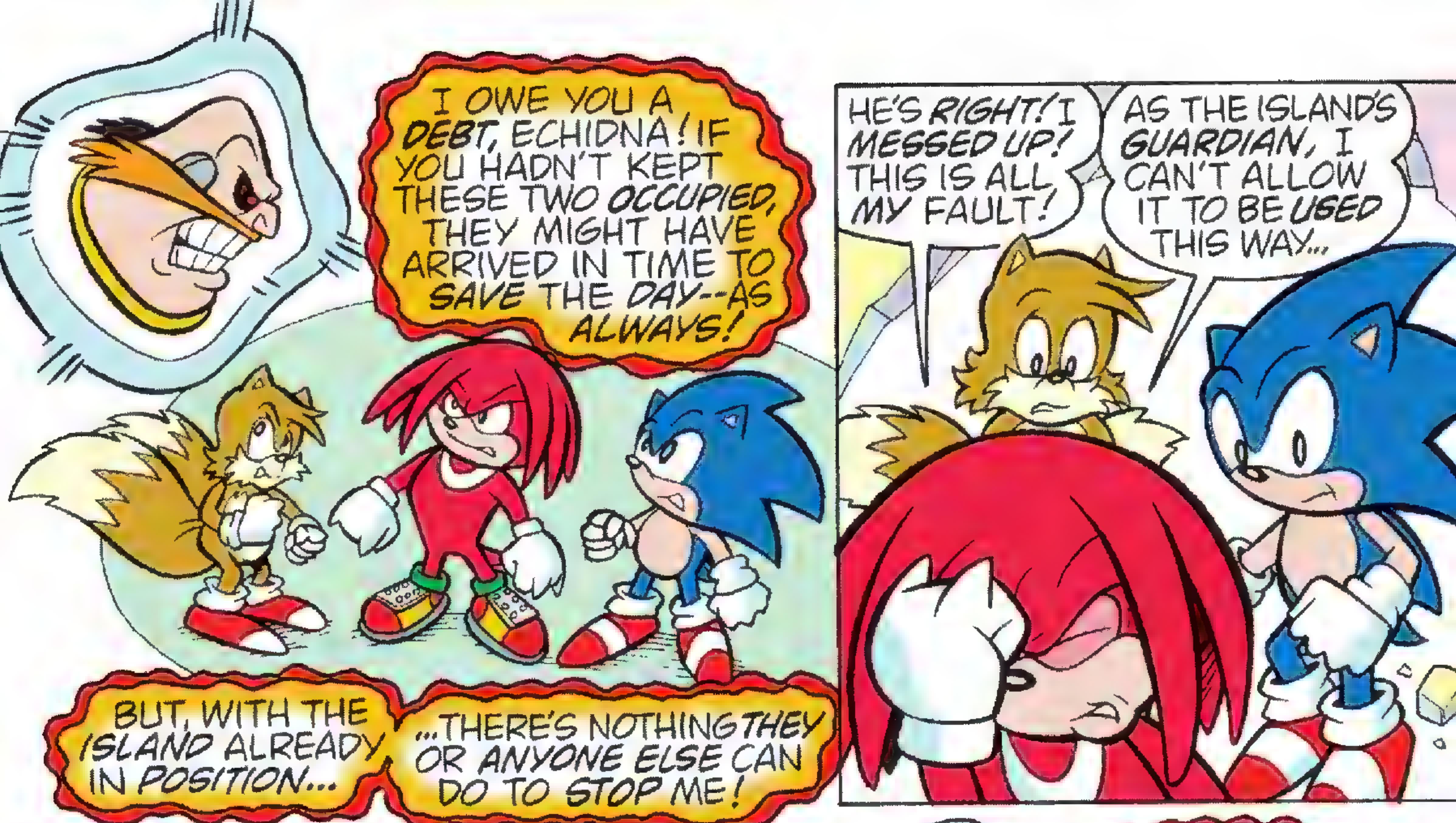
**WURRR
K-CHUKT**

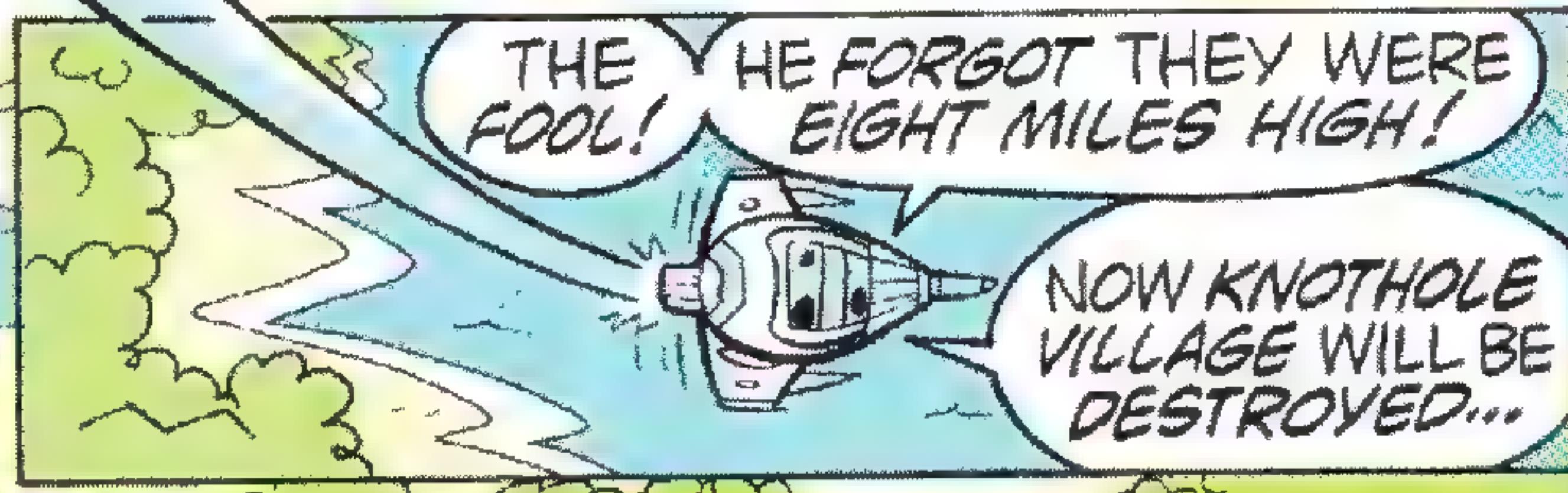
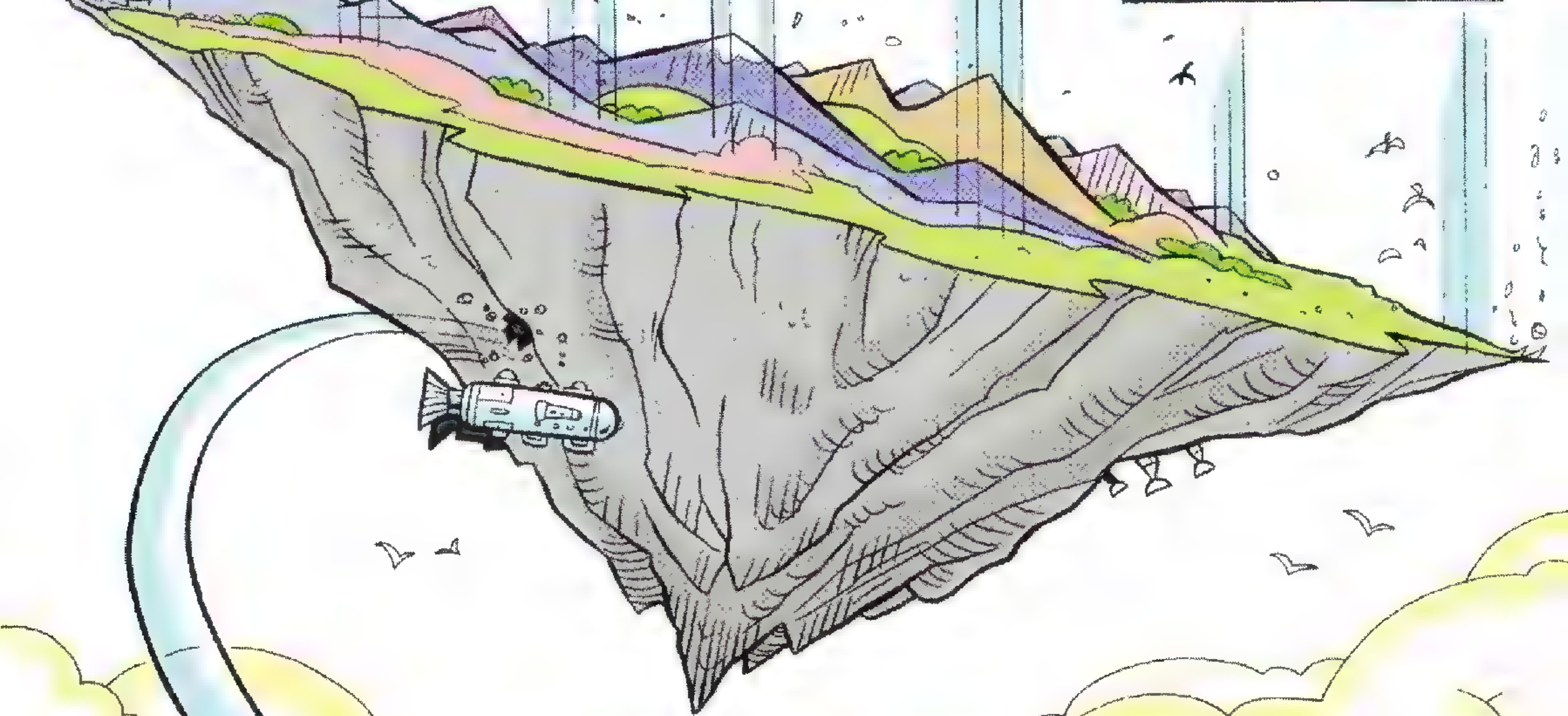
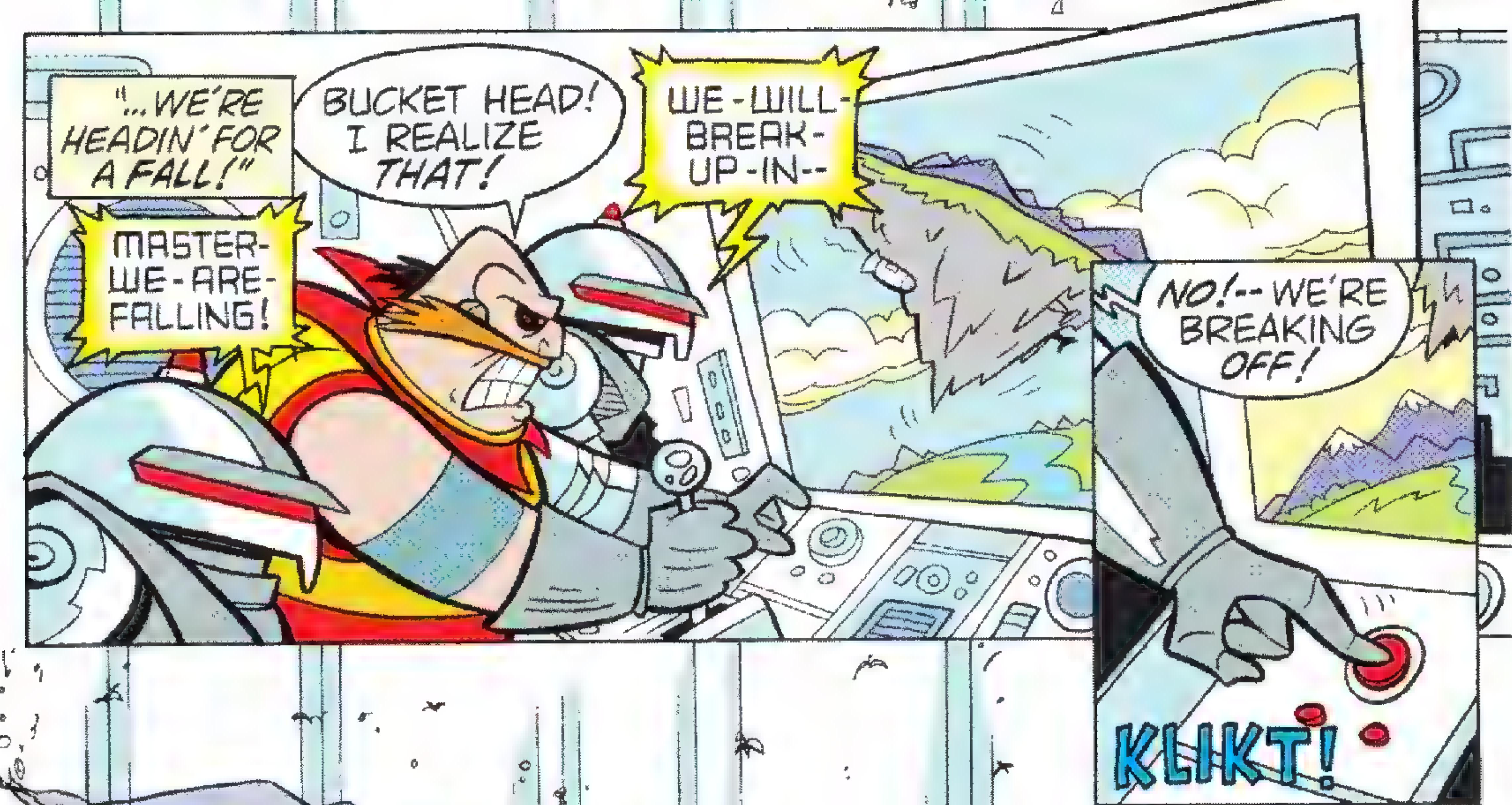
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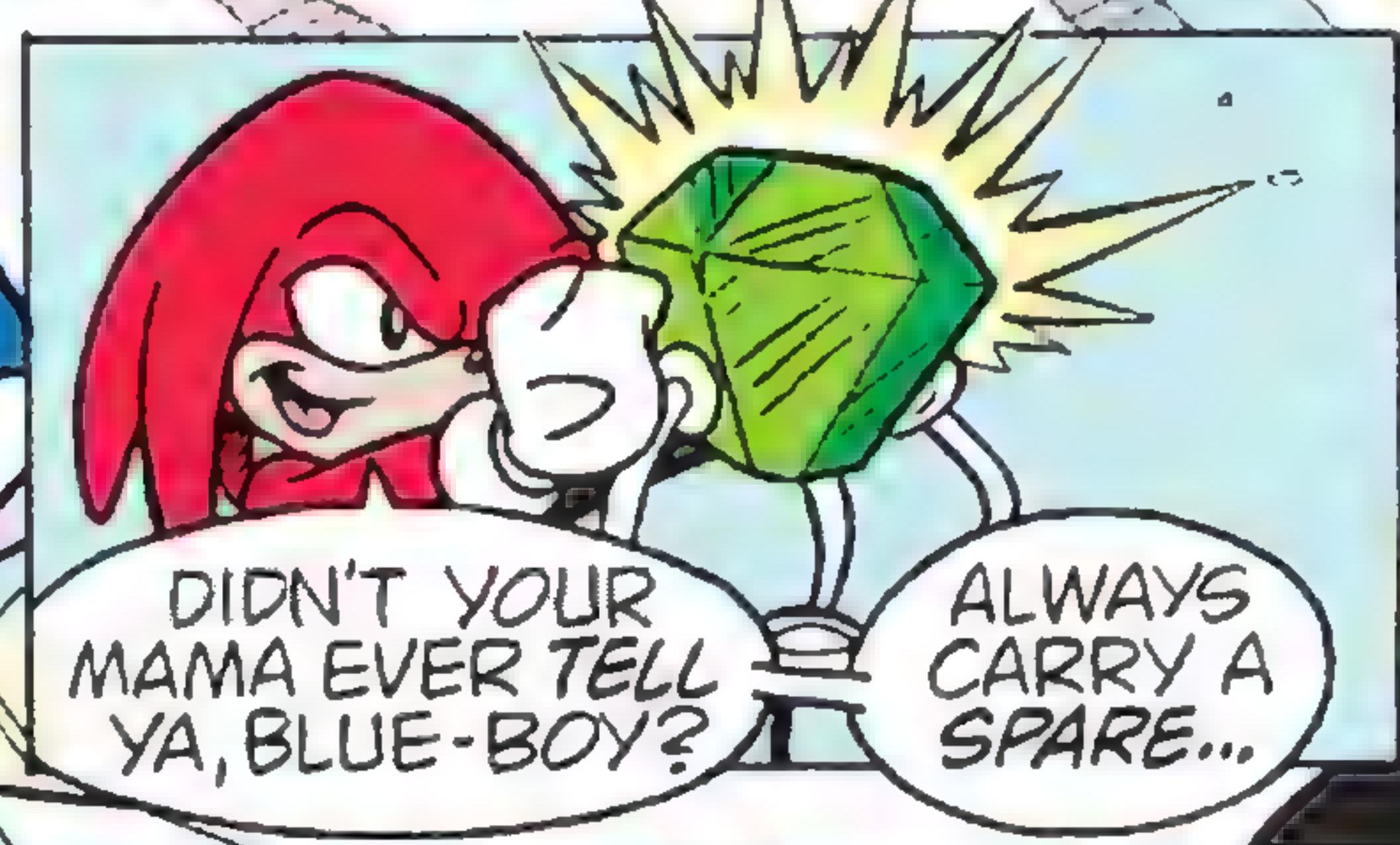
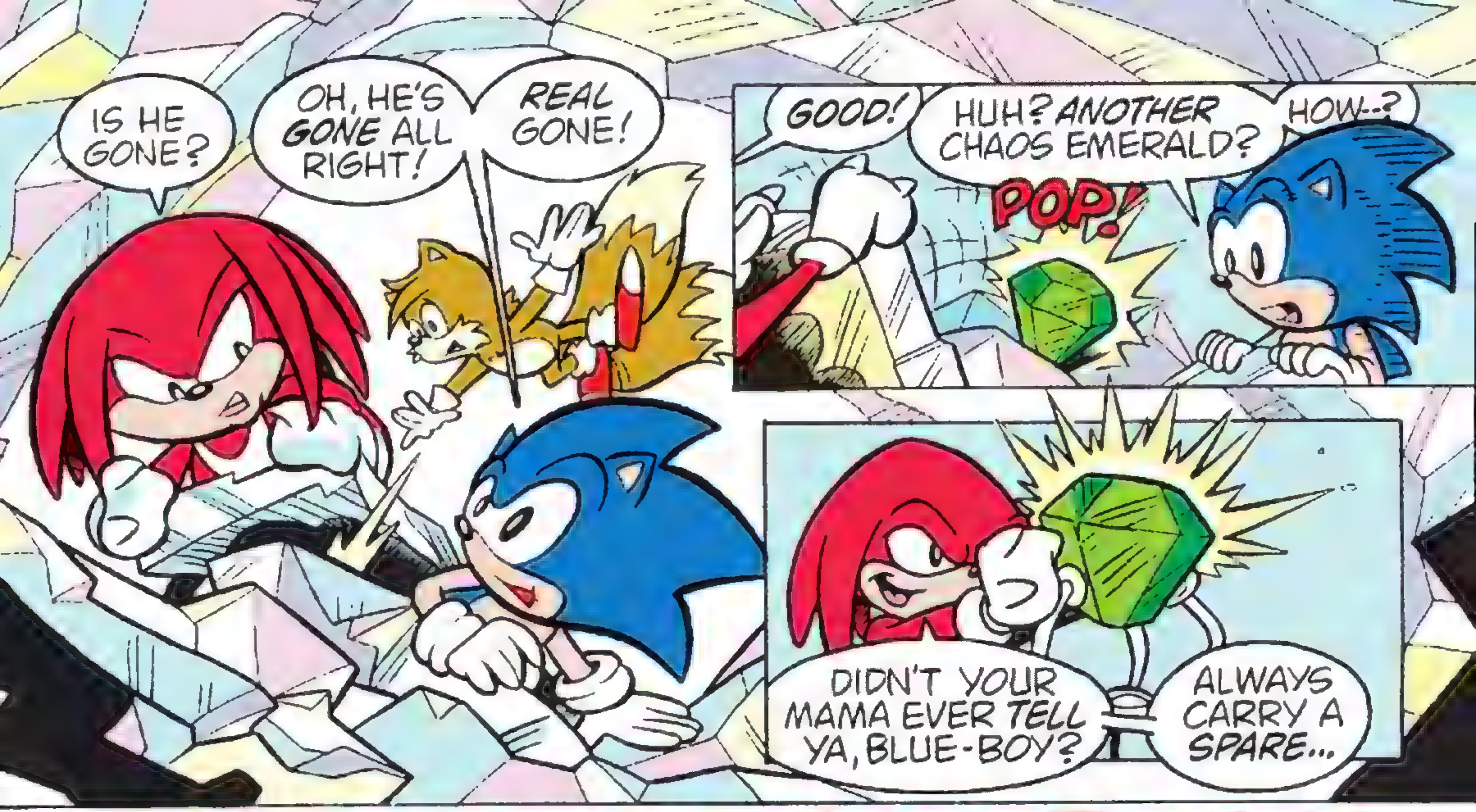
K-CHUKT!

FWA-VOOOOM!

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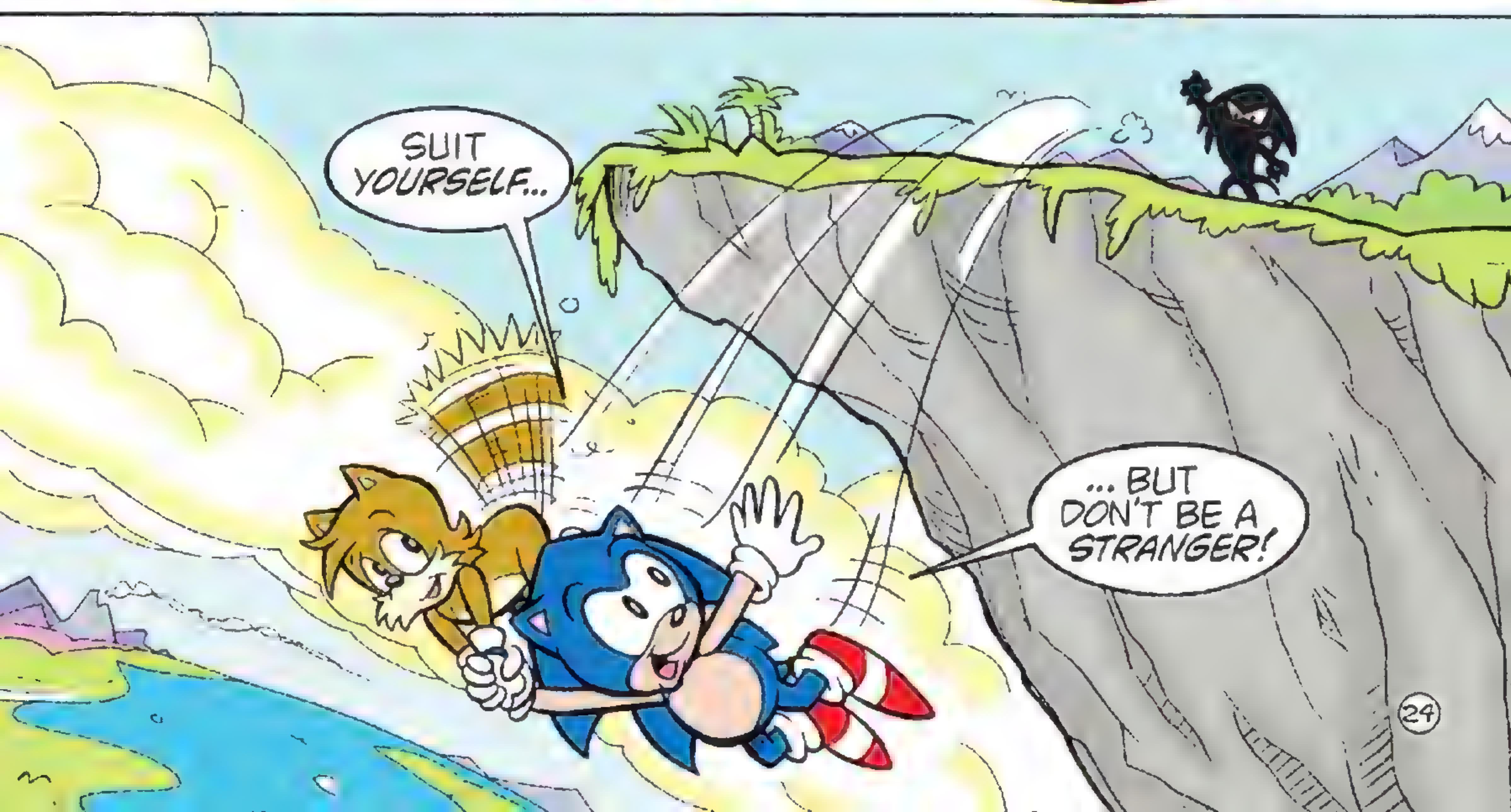
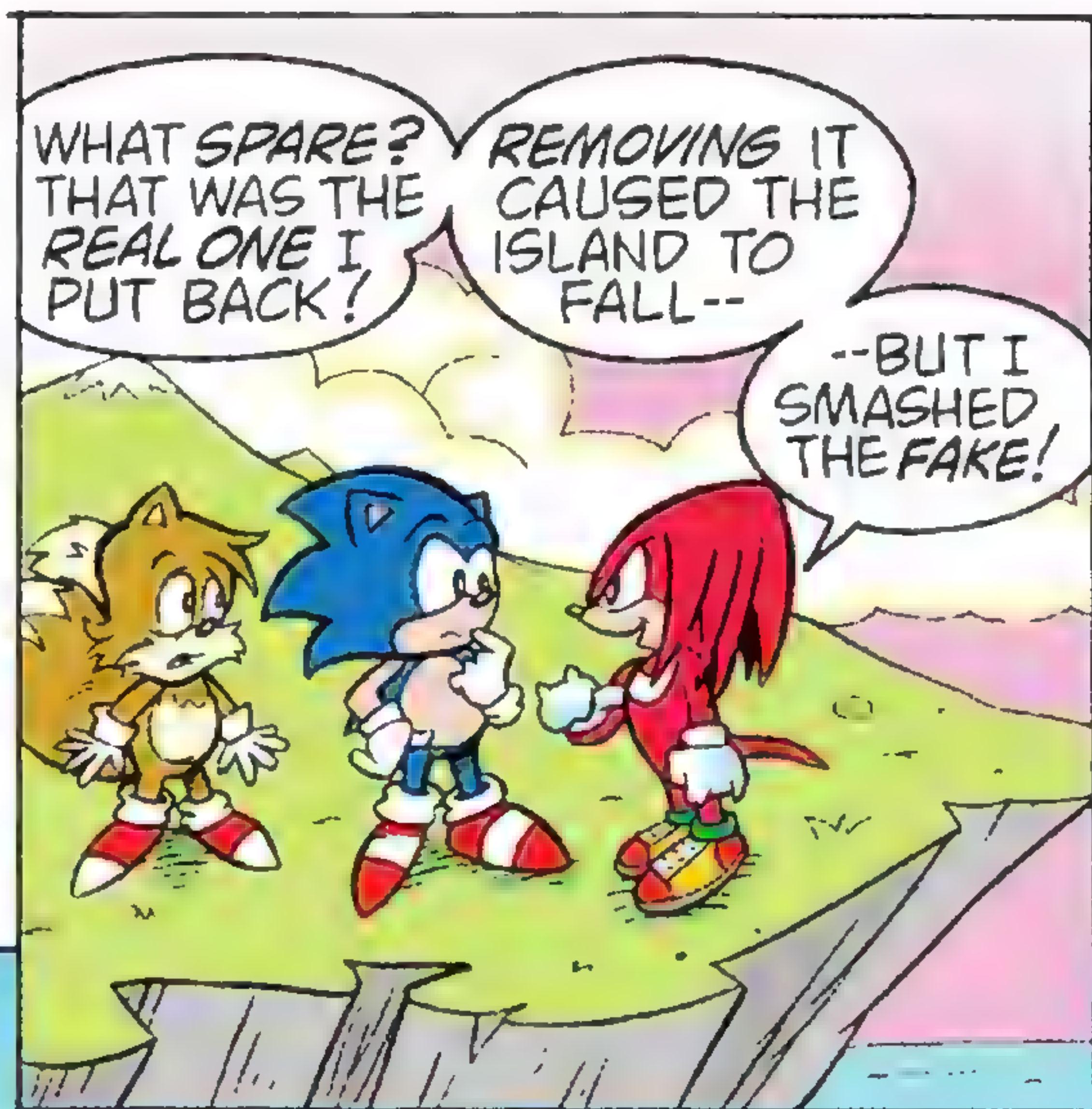
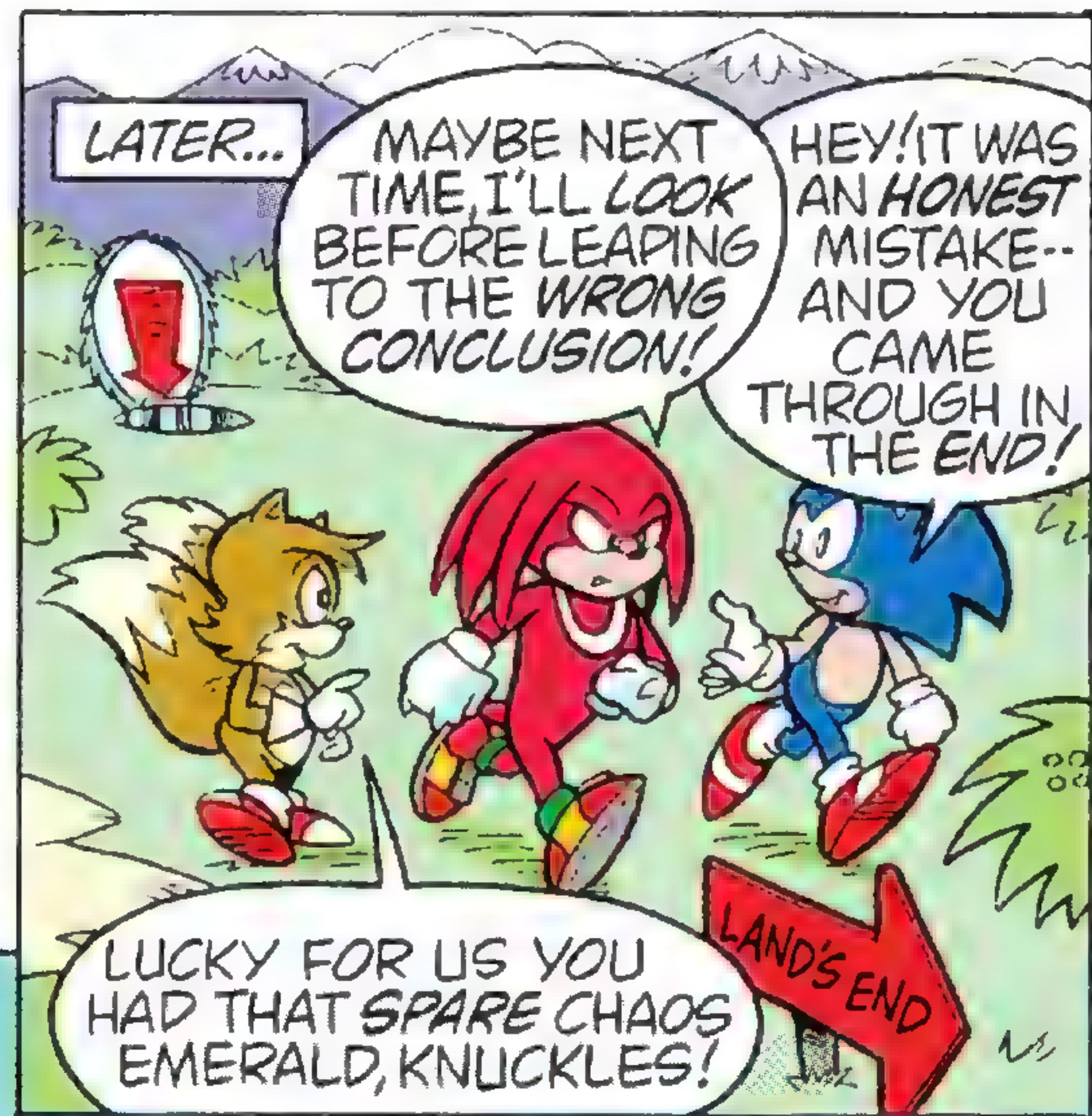


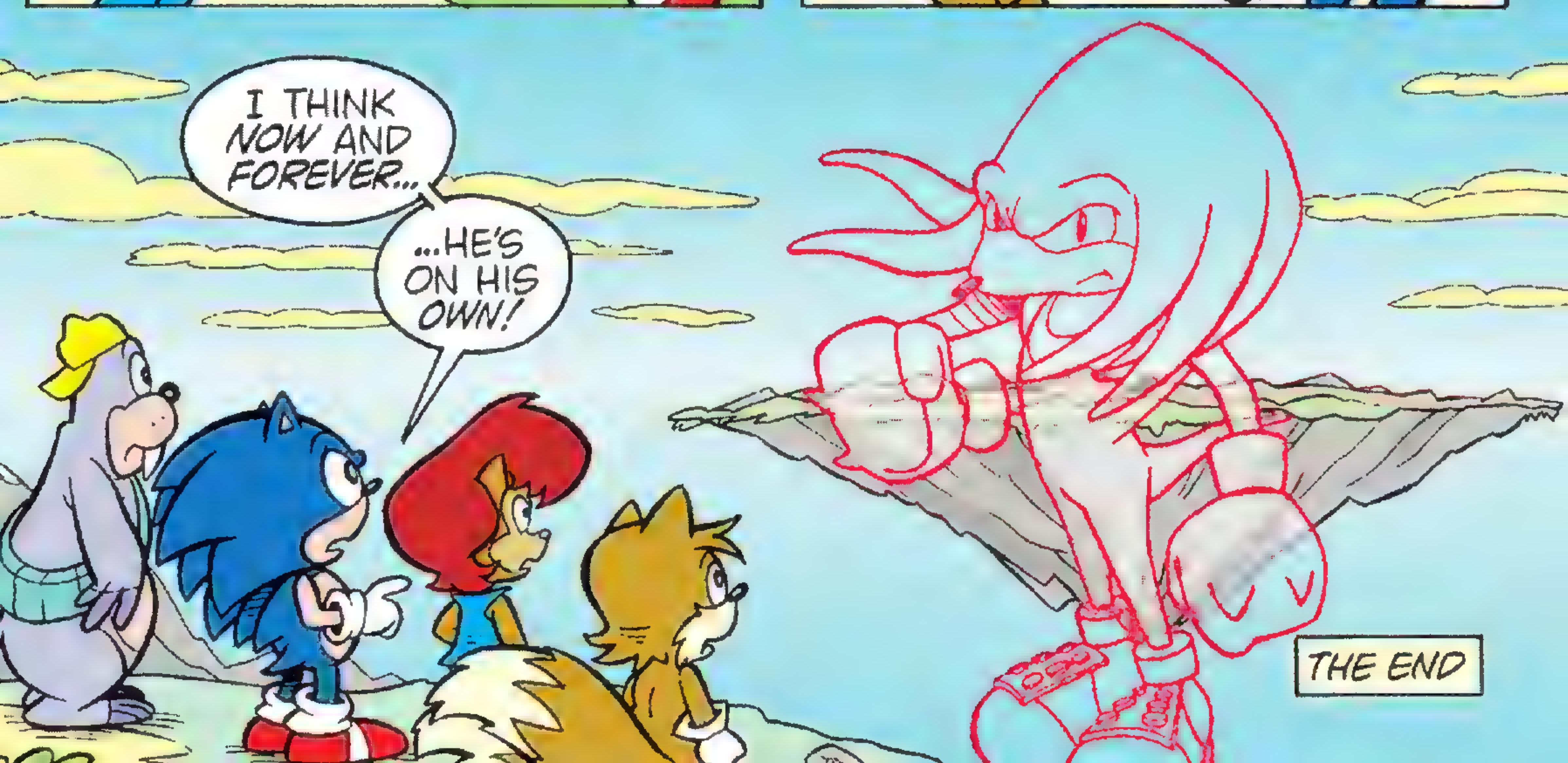




SKA - REEEEEEEEEE







SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS
KNUCKLES™

A QUIET DAY ON
THE FLOATING ISLAND...

KA-THOOOM!

WHAT WAS THAT?!
SOME DUDE
STARTING TROUBLE
ON MY TURF?

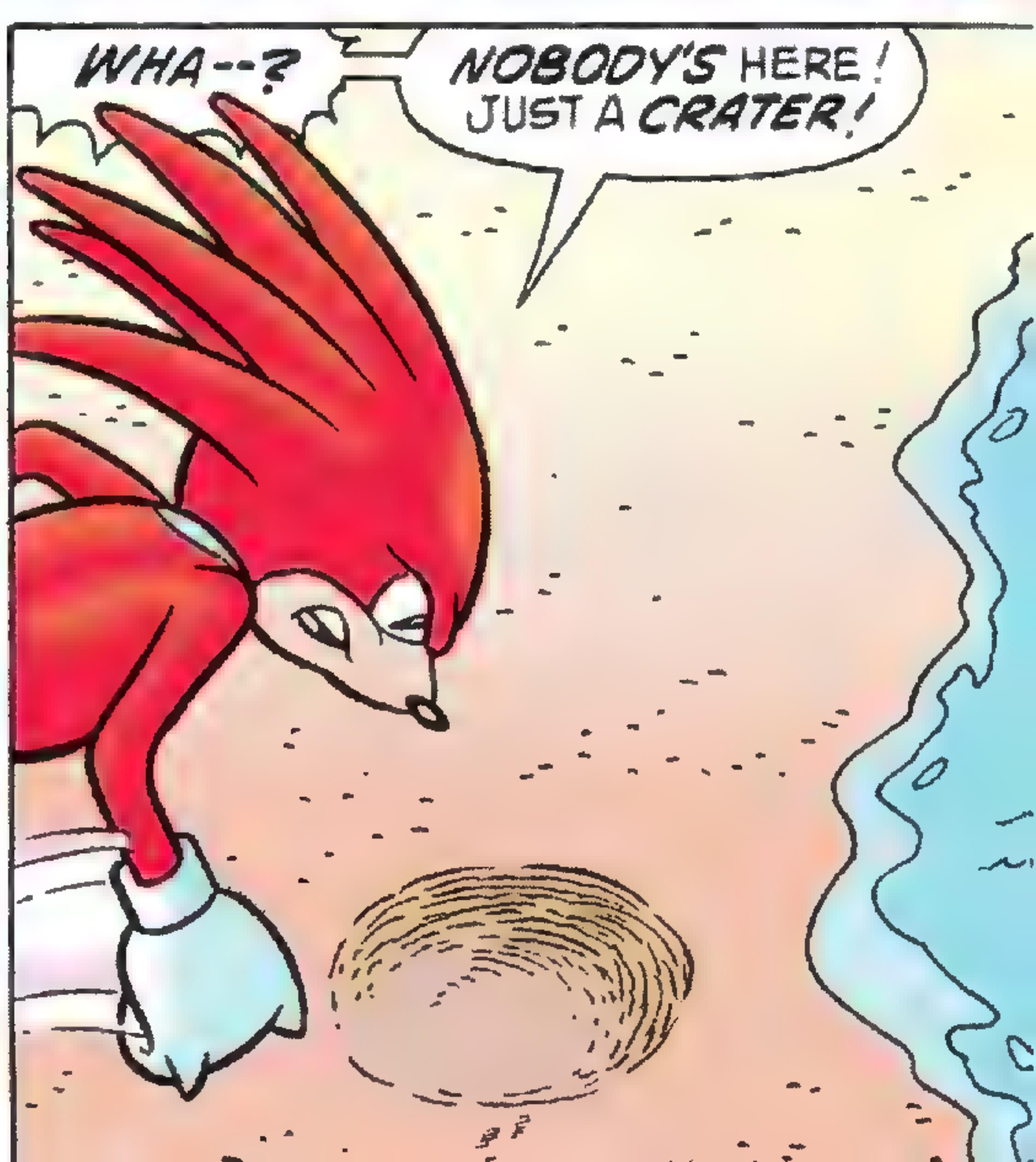
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**FIRE
DRILL**



SOUNDS LIKE IT
CAME FROM
THE BEACH!

I'D BETTER WING
IT OVER THERE --
REAL FAST!

WHA--?
NOBODY'S HERE!
JUST A CRATER!



WHOEVER IT
WAS MUST'VE
TOOK OFF
OUT OF SIGHT,
OUT OF MIND--

--HOPING THEY
WOULDN'T BE
SPOTTED BY
THE TOP DOG!

...OR I SHOULD SAY--
TOPECHIDNA!

WELL, IF THIS
GUY THINKS
HE'S A GENIUS--

--HE BETTER
GO BACK TO
PRESCHOOL!

WHAT A
DUMMY!

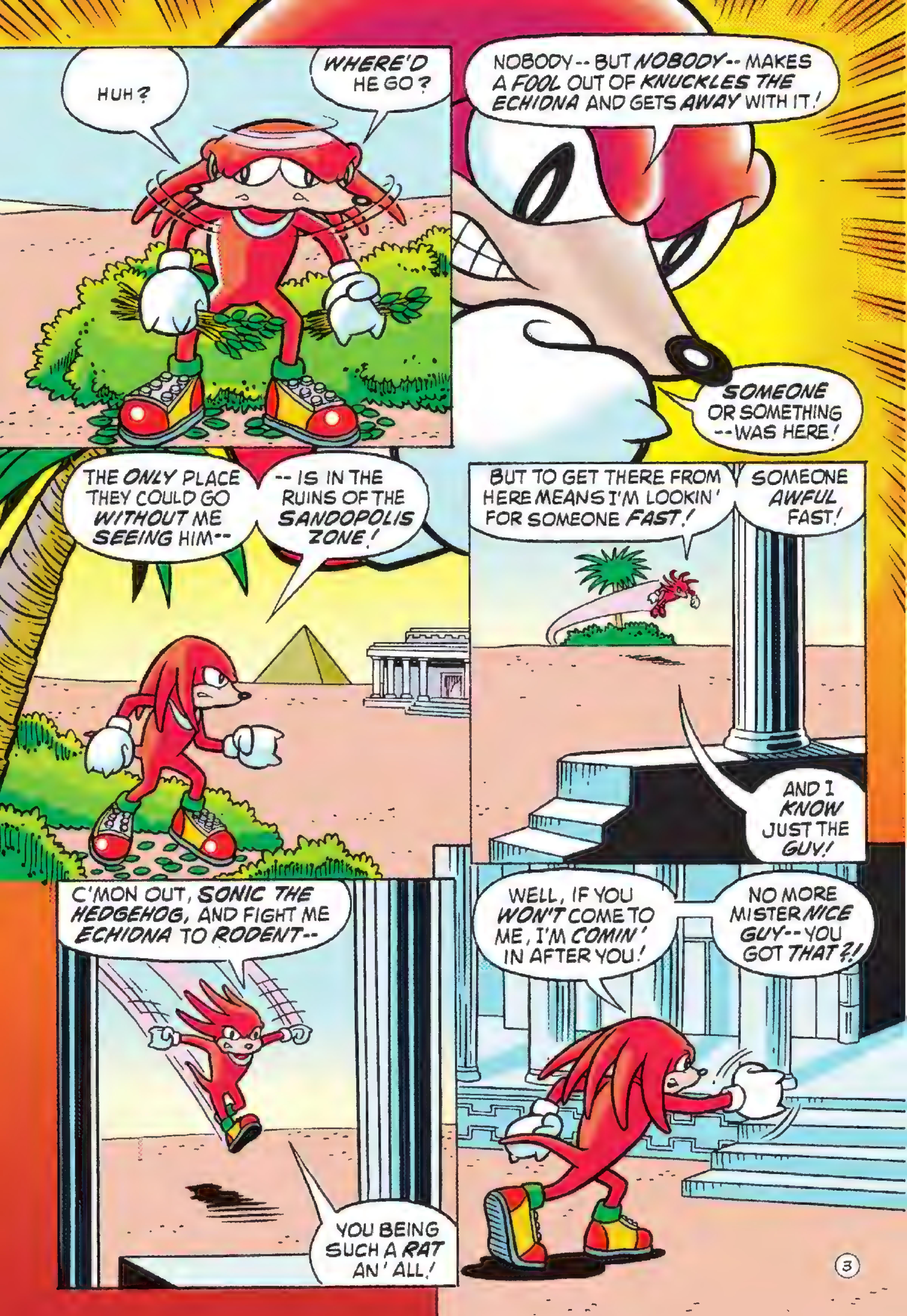
GOES AN' LEAVES
HIS FOOTPRINTS
ALL OVER THE PLACE!

I COULD
FOLLOW 'IM
IN MY SLEEP!

A BLIND PERSON
COULD SEE THEY
LEAD RIGHT TO--

THERE!

GOTCHA!!



AND I'M GOING
TO MAKE YOU
PAY FOR
DRAGGIN' ME
INTO THE
DARK!

OOOO,
HOW I
HATE
THE DARK!

SNAKT!

HUH?

KER-RAAAASH!
AWWP!

THAT'S IT!
THAT'S IT!!!

SO YOU
WANNA PLAY
HIDE 'N' SEEK,
EH?

I GOT A
BETTER
GAME--

I CALL IT "A
FISTFUL OF
KNUCKLES!"

SO IF YOU
KNOW
WHAT'S
GOOD FOR
YOU--

--YOU'LL DO THIS EASY OR I'LL **REALLY** BRING THE HOUSE DOWN ON YOU!

YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM ME FOR LONG!

DON'T YOU KNOW--

--I'M THE GUARDIAN OF THIS ISLAND?!

YOU CAN'T MESS AROUND WHILE I'M ON WATCH!

YEAHOWR!

WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?!

SOMETHIN' FUNNY'S GOIN' ON HERE!!

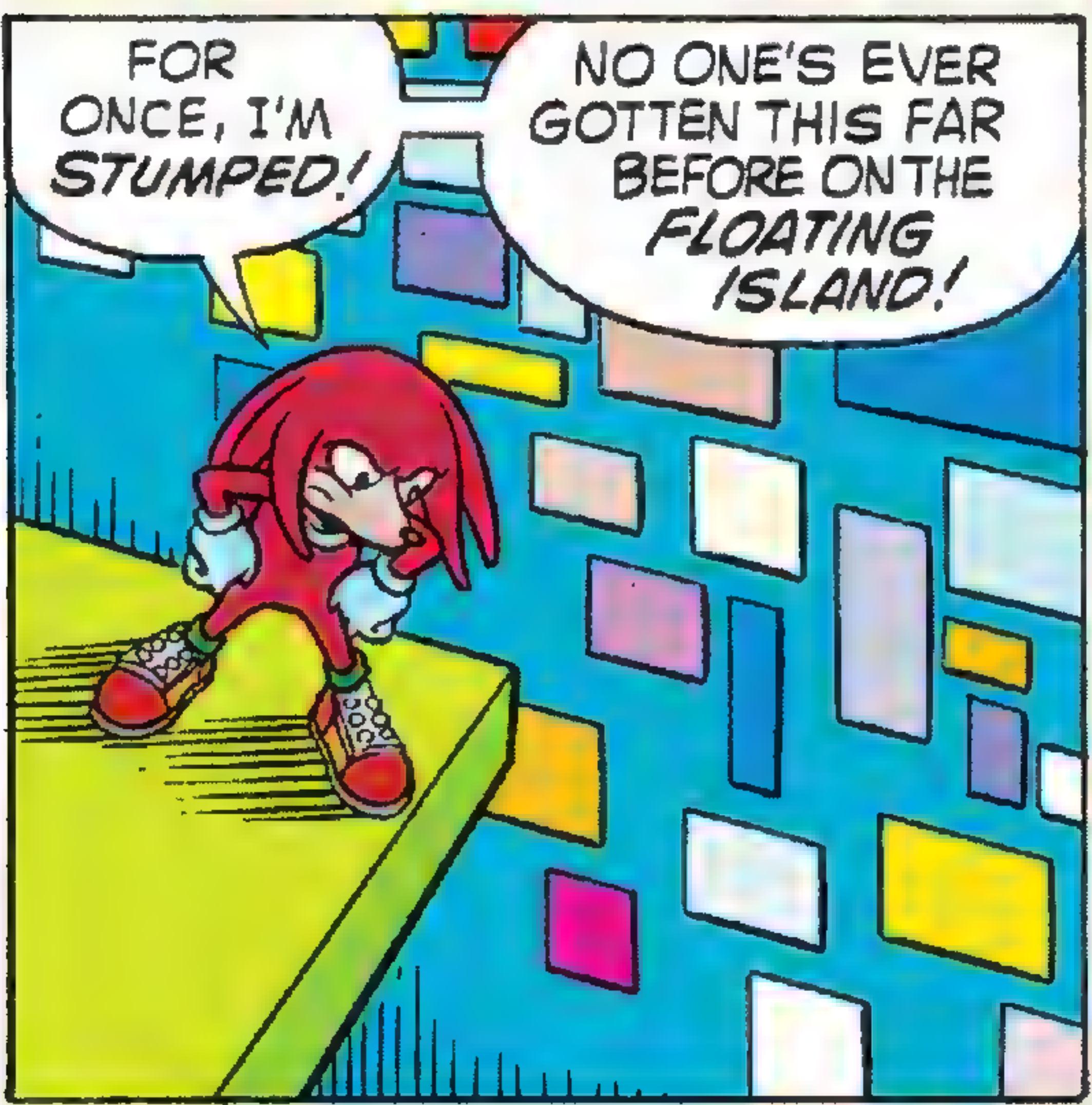
WELL, ISN'T THIS SPECIAL!

THE WALL REVEALS IT'S A DOOR!

THE PROBLEM IS--
HOW COME I'M NOT LAUGHIN'?

THUD!

SINCE THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE COULD'VE GOTTEN PAST ME--



I'M FLYIN' BLIND-- BUT
IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!

I DID IT!

DIDN'T
GET ME FAR
THOUGH!

ANOTHER
WALL!

THE KNUCKLES
EXPRESS IS
COMIN' RIGHT
THROUGH!

AND STILL
NO VILLAIN IN
SIGHT!

MAYBE HE DIDN'T
ESCAPE FROM THE
SANDFALLS AFTER
ALL!

WRONG,
FRIEND!

SOMEHOW,
HE GOT
OUT!

THE
CHASE
IS ON!

ONLY
NOW--

IT'S
PERSONAL!

I'M GOING
TO GET
YOU!



I STILL
THINK IT'S
THAT CREEP
SONIC!

I CAN'T THINK OF
ANYONE ELSE
THIS FAST OR
LUCKY!

IT'S GOT TO
BE SONIC
MESSING
AROUND!

THE TRAIL
LEADS TO THE
ISLAND'S EDGE!

--EXCEPT
FOR YOURS
TRULY!

NOWHERE ELSE TO
GO, BUT DOWN!
GOOD
RIDDANCE!

JUST WAIT'LL
NEXT TIME,
MISTER
HEDGEHOG--

--I'LL BE THE
ONE WITH THE
SURPRISES!

NOT
QUITE, MY
BOY...

THIS WAS
ONLY YOUR FIRST
LESSON AND I CAN
SEE ALREADY YOU
HAVE A LOT TO
LEARN!

CLASS IS
NOW IN
SESSION...

THIS ISN'T THE END, DEAR READER! BOTH YOU AND KNUCKLES
HAVE PLENTY OF SURPRISES IN STORE AT THE HANDS OF OUR MYSTE-
RIOUS FRIEND! FIND OUT MORE IN UPCOMING ISSUES!

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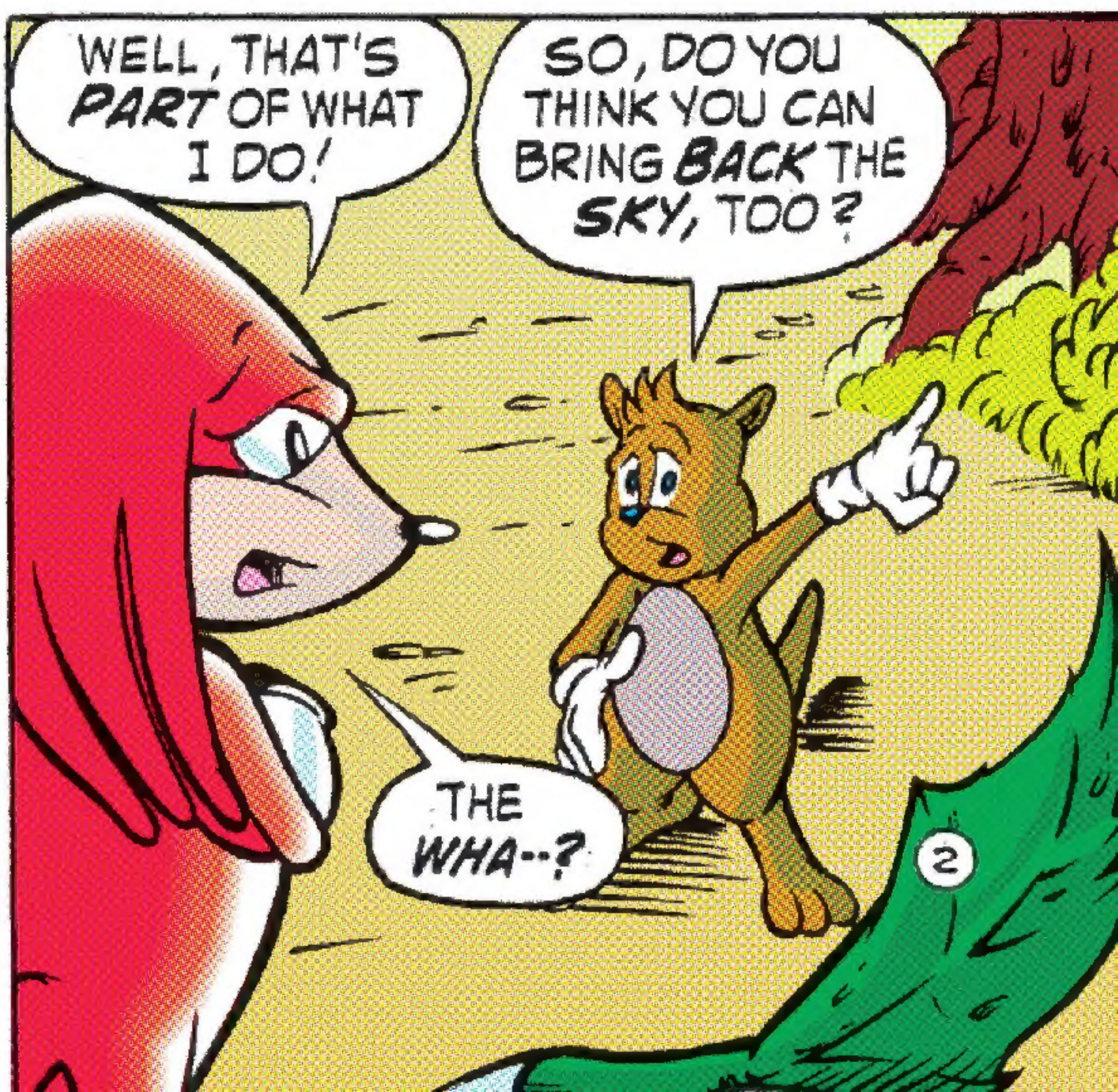
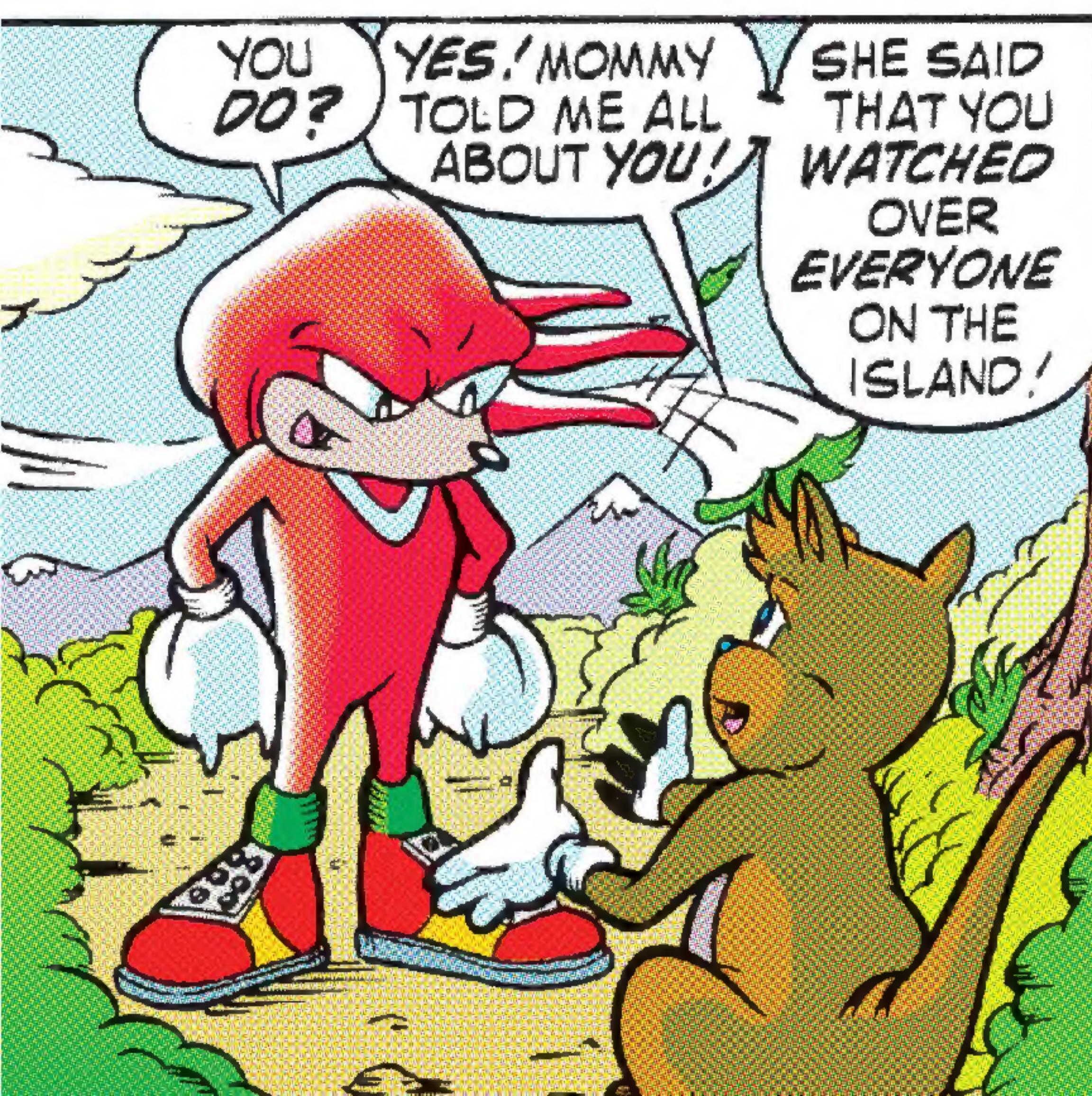
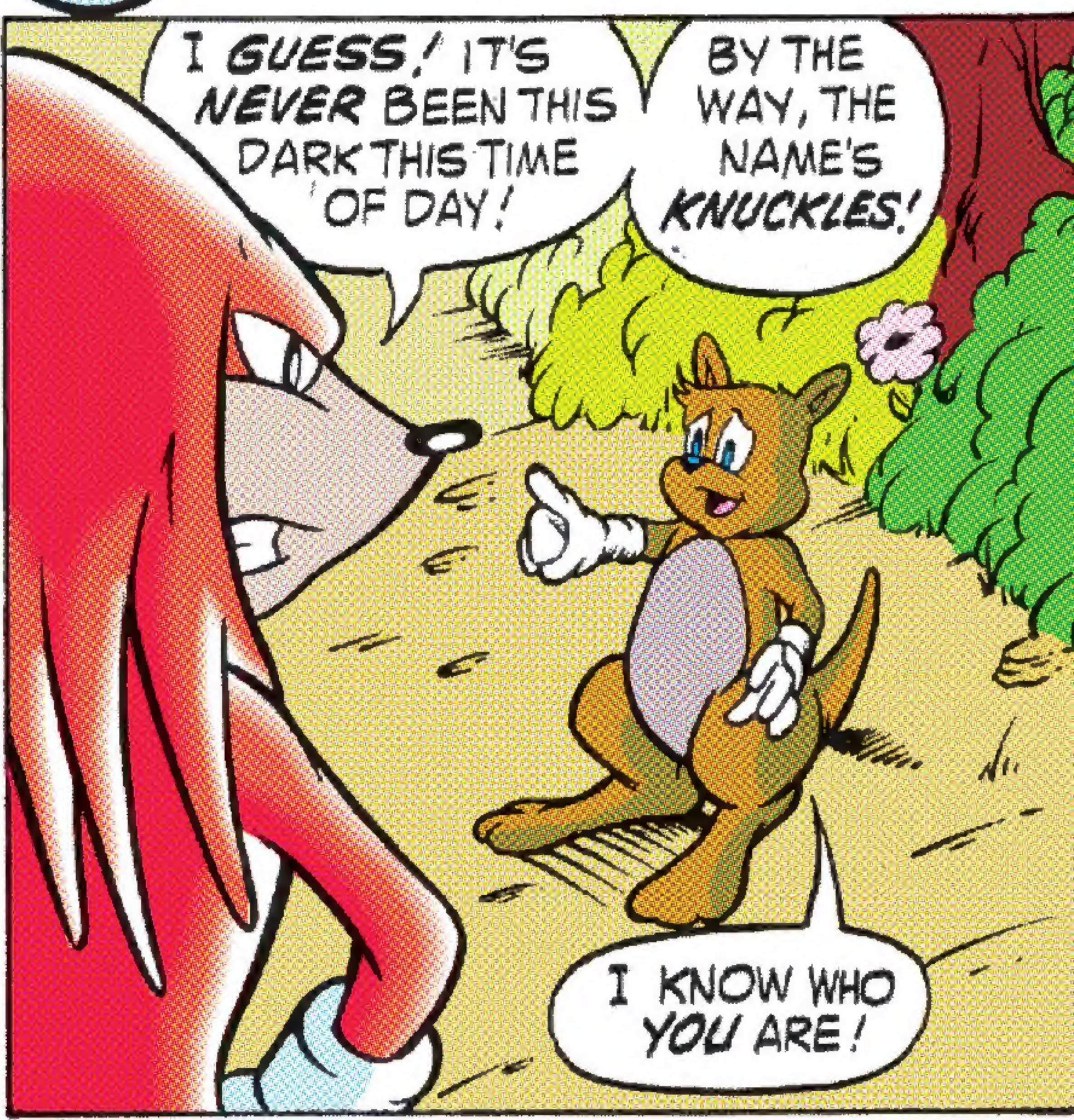
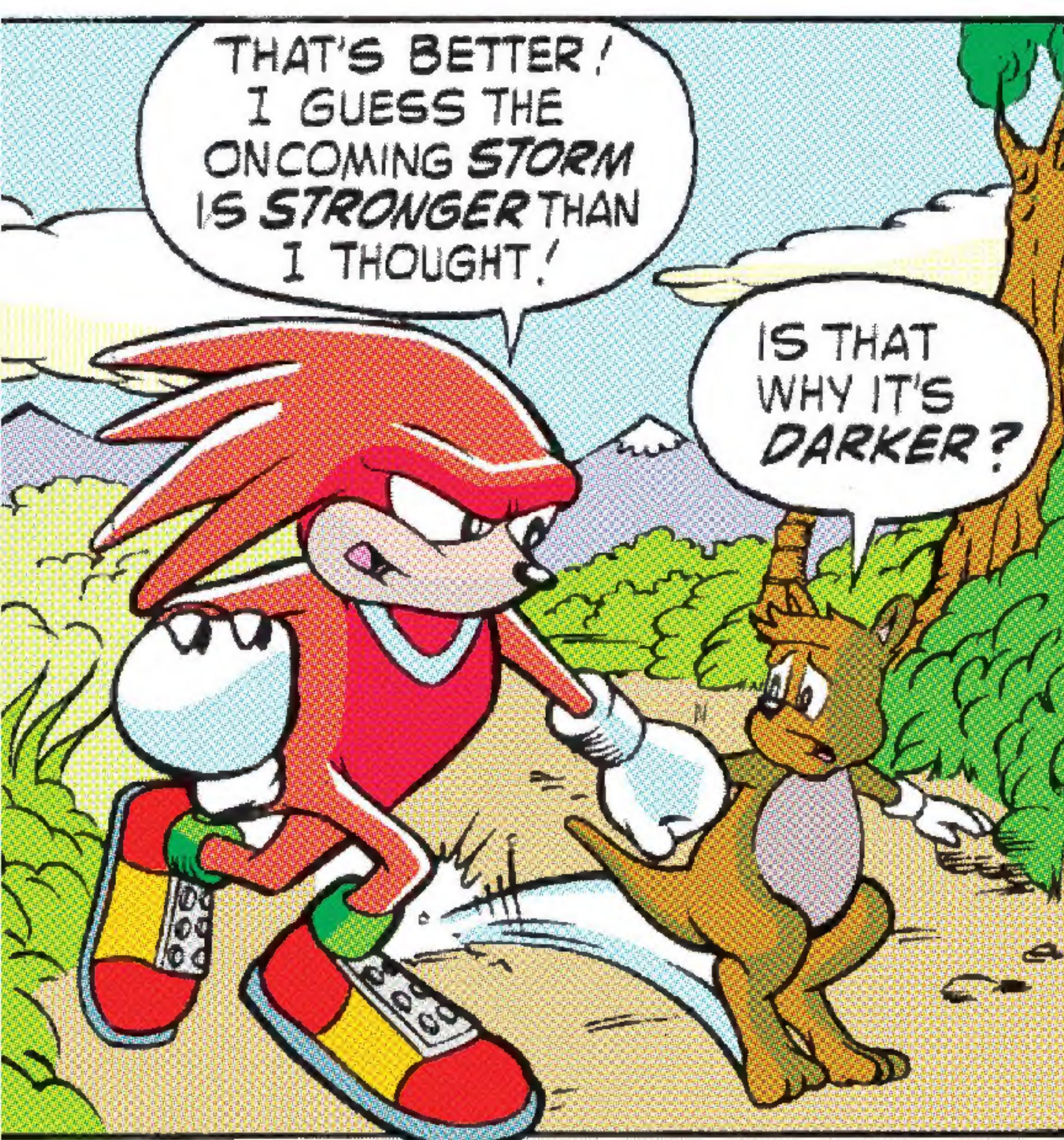
THE WINDS
ARE REALLY
HOWLING
TODAY!

ALL OF A SUDDEN,
I'M FLYING THE
NOT-SO-FRIENDLY
SKIES!

LOOKS LIKE
THE WINDS
AREN'T ALL
THAT'S RILED!

THERE'S A BABY
KANGA LOOKING
FOR ITS MOM,
I BET!

HOLD ON, KID!
KNUCKLES IS COMING
TO HELP OUT!



SEE? LOOK AT
THE SUN! IT'S
NOW BLACK!

NO, IT'S NOT!
IT'S JUST AN
ILLUSION--

--AT LEAST
THAT'S WHAT
MY DAD
TOLD ME!

HE SAID, EVERY SO OFTEN,
THE MOON ALIGNS ITSELF
BETWEEN US AND
THE SUN!

SINCE THE ISLAND
FLOATS ALONG AIR
CURRENTS, THE WIND
RARELY BLOWS STRONGER
THAN A MILD BREEZE!

BUT LATELY,
THINGS HAVE BEEN
CHANGING!

REALLY?

YEAH! IN
FACT-- HOLD
IT! THAT
SOUND!

THUD!
THUD!
THUD!

LET'S GET TO SAFETY! IT'S A
THUNDERING HERD OF DINGOES!

